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テロリストによる空港爆破事件で、最
自らも胸に薔薇の形の傷跡を刻ま
バンク。通称〝薔薇のマリー〟と呼ば
憎み、テロリストの壊滅のため、熾烈
門の傭兵集団＝C・A・Tの女性
に、そして時にはエレガントに憎むべ
マリーの真紅の薔薇が燃える!!

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愛の夫と子供を失い、
れた女、真理子・ローズ
れる彼女は、テロリストを
な訓練を受け、対テロ専
習揮官となった。鮮やか
きテロリストを倒すため、

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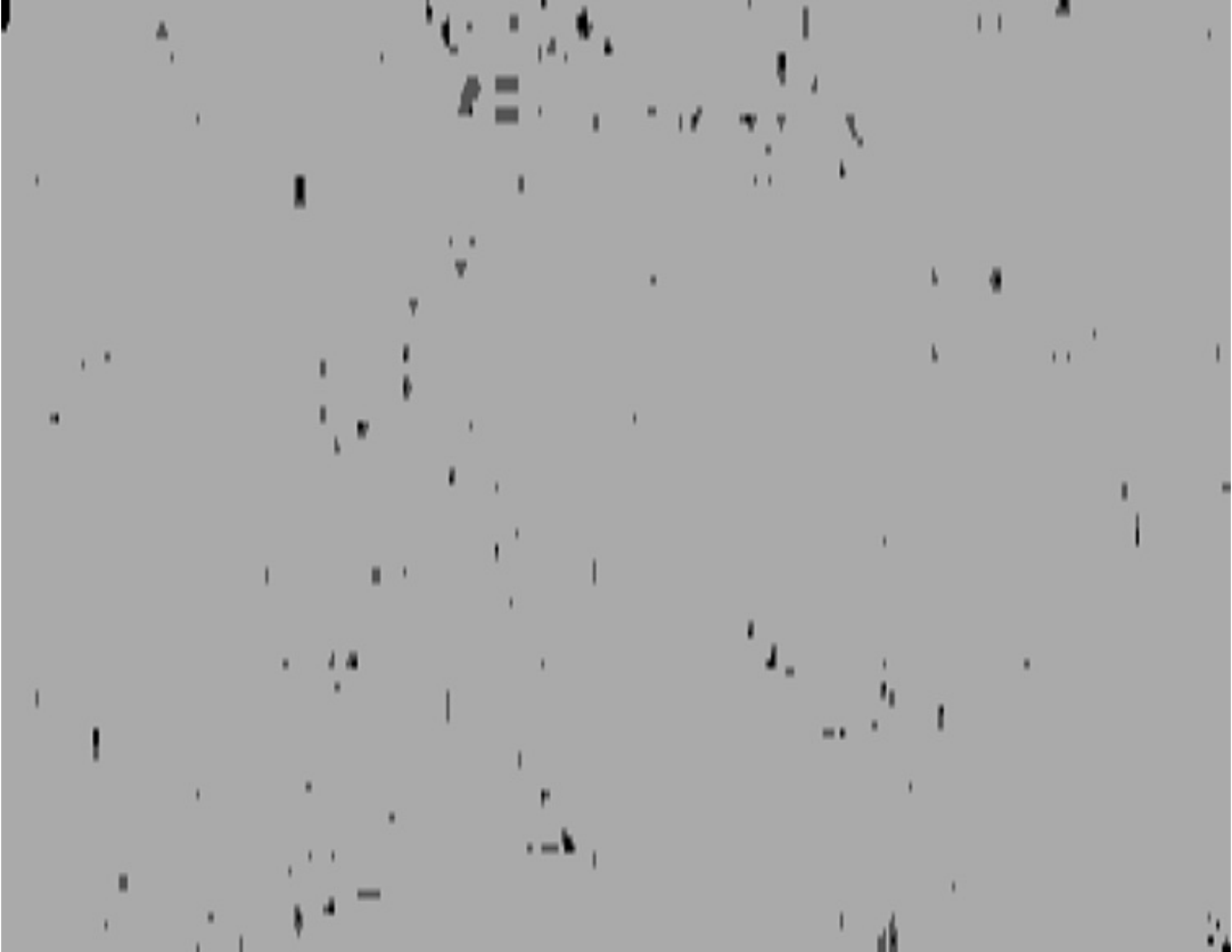

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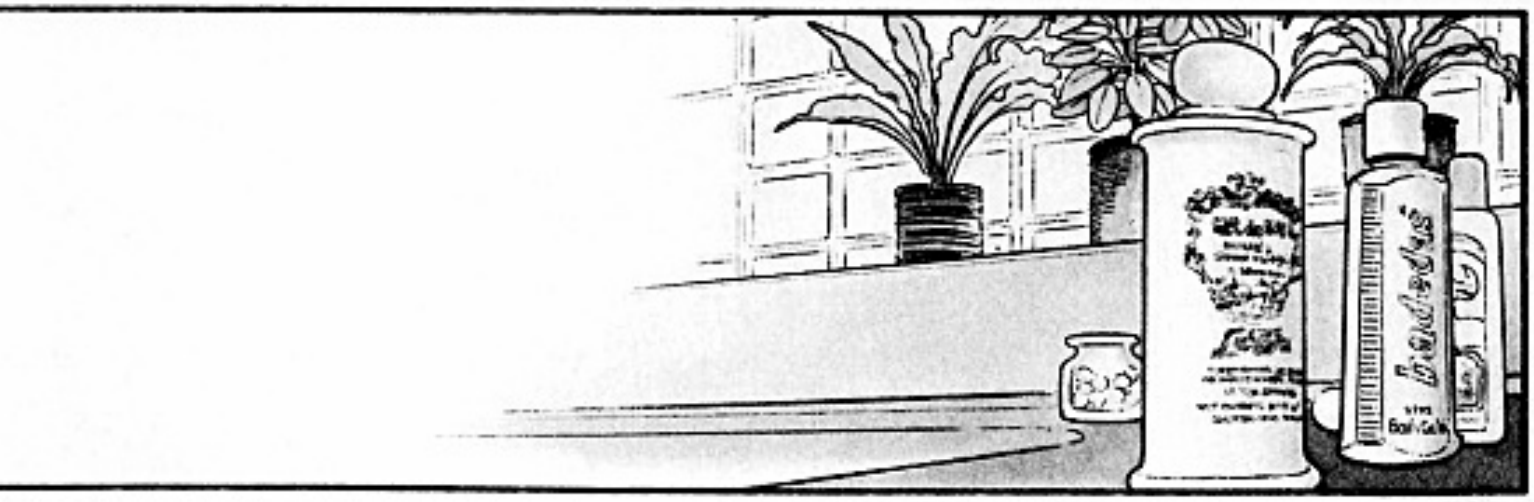

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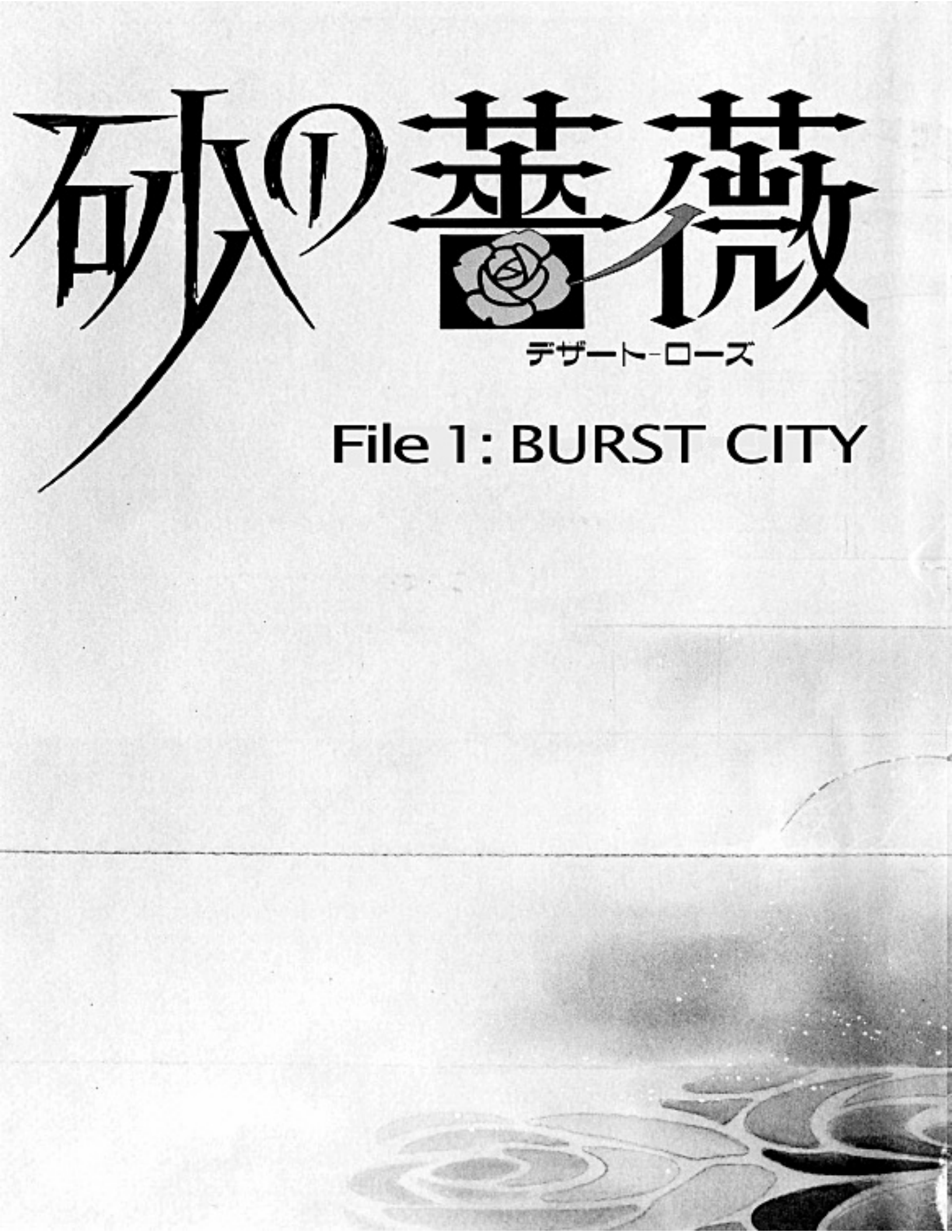
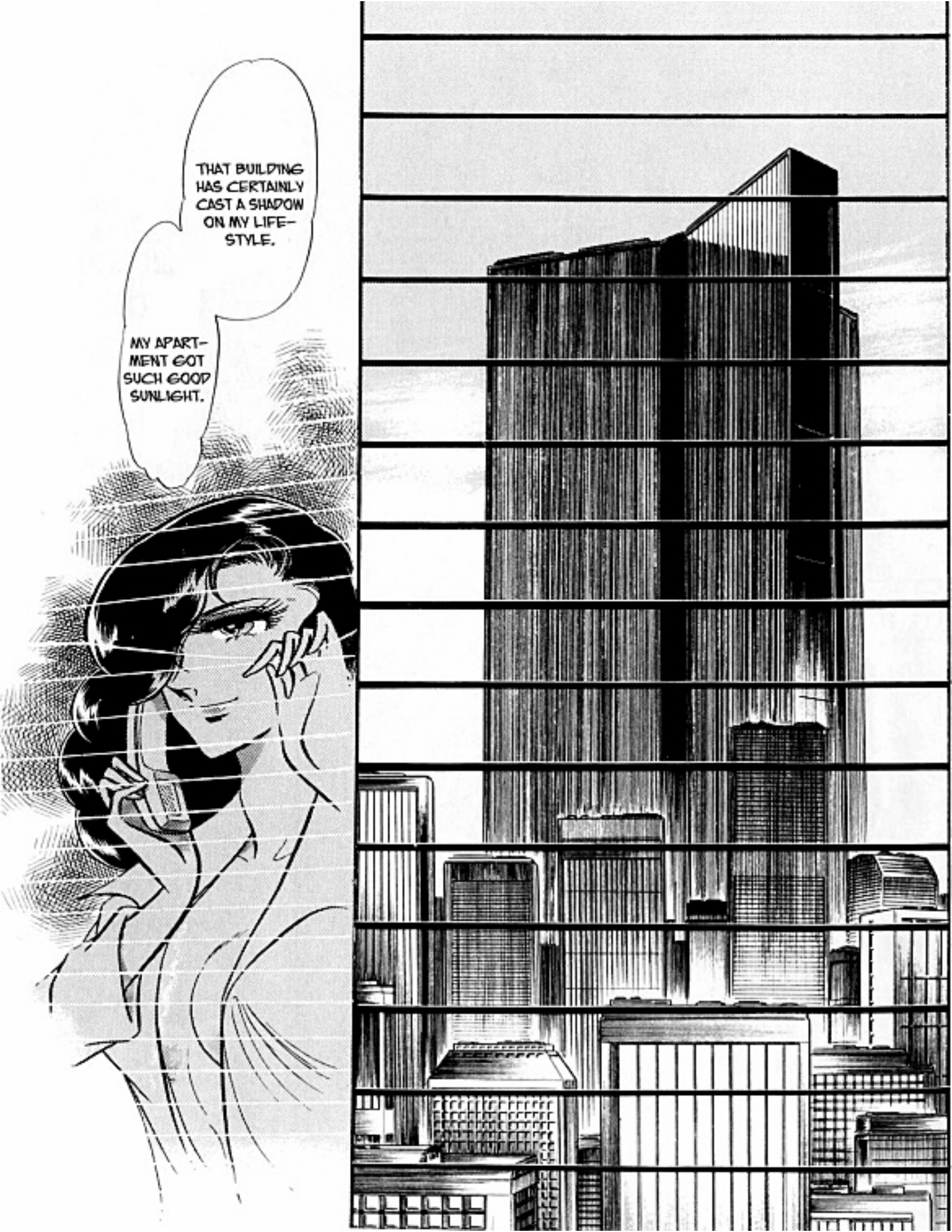


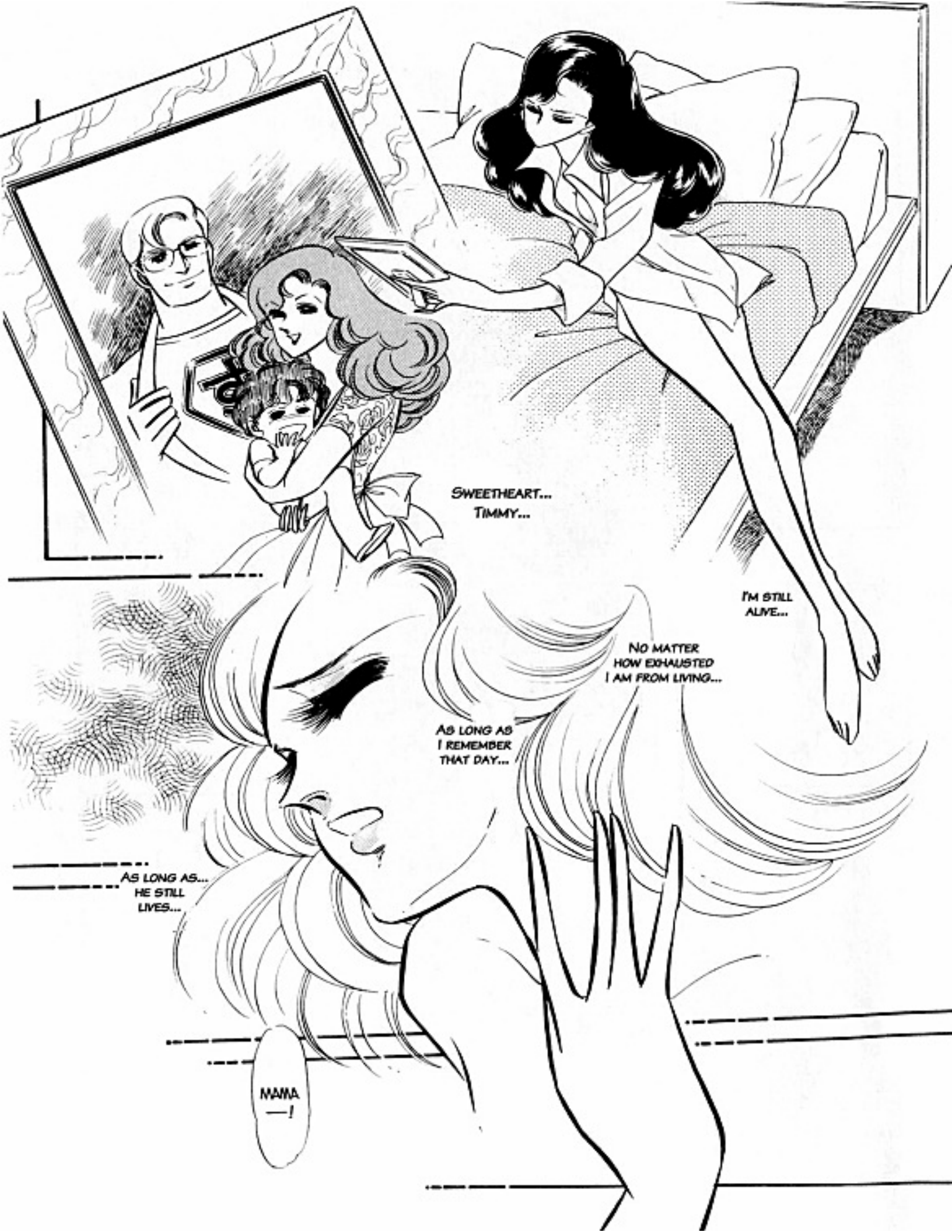
ALL THE ROADS AROUND CENTER BUILDING ARE SHUT DOWN RIGHT NOW.
THE PERPETRA-TORS ARE NOT YET...
WHEN DID THIS START?
NOT SURE. I JUST TUNED IN MYSELF.
BUT... THIS COULD BE LINKED TO GRYPHON...
GRYPHON...

HAS ANYONE CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY?
NOT YET, APPARENTLY.
THERE'S A MOUNTAIN OF PEOPLE SCREAMING FOR LIBERATION.
PALESTINE, AFGHANIS-TAN, IRELAND, ETC...
BASIC TERROR-ISM.
THEIR SLOGAN IS "LIBERATION OF THE PEOPLE" !!
IT LOOKS LIKE HIS M.O.
THEY'RE DEMANDING THE IMMEDIATE RELEASE OF THEIR COHORTS IN PRISON AS WELL AS A RANSOM!!
THE TRAGEDY STRUCK AT THE HEIGHT OF THE CELEBRATION COMMEMORATING ITS COMPLETION.
IS AN ENORMOUS SKYSCRAPER THAT COST OVER EIGHTY MILLION DOLLARS TO CONSTRUCT.
TRIANGLE TOWER, WHERE THE INCIDENT IS UNFOLDING,

HE WOULD NEVER BE THIS LONG ABOUT IT.
THESE GUYS ARE THIRD-RATE TERROR-ISTS.
UNFORTUNATELY, IT DOESN'T SEEM TO BE GRYPHON.
IN THE GUISE OF PARTY ORGANIZERS,
THE PERPETRATORS TOOK THE GUESTS HOSTAGE AND HAVE BEGUN ISSUING DEMANDS.
CRUELER AND MORE BIZARRE... SOMETHING THAT WOULD HAUNT THE SURVIVORS LIKE A DARK SHADOW FOR AS LONG AS THEY LIVED.
HE WOULD HAVE A MUCH MORE SUBTLE AND BETTER THOUGHT-OUT PLAN...
I AGREE.
TWO HOURS HAVE ELAPSED SINCE THE INCIDENT BEGAN...


MY APART-
MENT GOT
SUCH GOOD
SUNLIGHT.
THAT BUILDING
HAS CERTAINLY
CAST A SHADOW
ON MY LIFE-
STYLE.

BOTH THE MAYOR AND THE CHIEF OF POLICE ARE HOSTAGES...
THE POLICE AREN'T IDIOTS... THE MAYORAL ELECTION IS COMING, SO THE MAYOR WILL TAKE IT SERIOUSLY.
IT'LL WORK OUT.
...IT SEEMS LIVING VIRTUOUSLY HAS PAID OFF.
.....
THE POLICE AND STATE TROOPERS ARE COOPE-RATING TO...
THANKS FOR LETTING ME KNOW.
WE'LL TALK LATER ...
OKAY, BYE ...


SWEETHEART... TIMMY...
I'M STILL ALIVE...
NO MATTER HOW EXHAUSTED I AM FROM LIVING...
AS LONG AS I REMEMBER THAT DAY...
AS LONG AS... HE STILL LIVES...
MAMA —!

YOU DIDN'T NEED TO SEE ME OFF.
I'LL ONLY BE GONE FOR TWO WEEKS.
TUMMY! DON'T TAKE OFF ON YOUR OWN.
HA HA HA
SWEET-HEART... BUT
YOU WORRY TOO MUCH, MARIKO.
SINCE OUR MARRIAGE, WE'VE HARDLY SPENT MORE THAN THREE DAYS APART.
WHAT SHALL I BRING YOU FROM LONDON?
TWO WEEKS WILL PASS IN A FLASH.
I WANT A TEDDY BEAR. ONE THIIIS BIG!

SHEESH... YOU ALWAYS TREAT ME LIKE A CHILD.
I can do that too.
YEAH...
Did you bring your Ponpo Tea? Don't drink unboiled water..
IT'S MUCH COLDER IN LONDON THAN HERE IN SYDNEY. DON'T CATCH A COLD.
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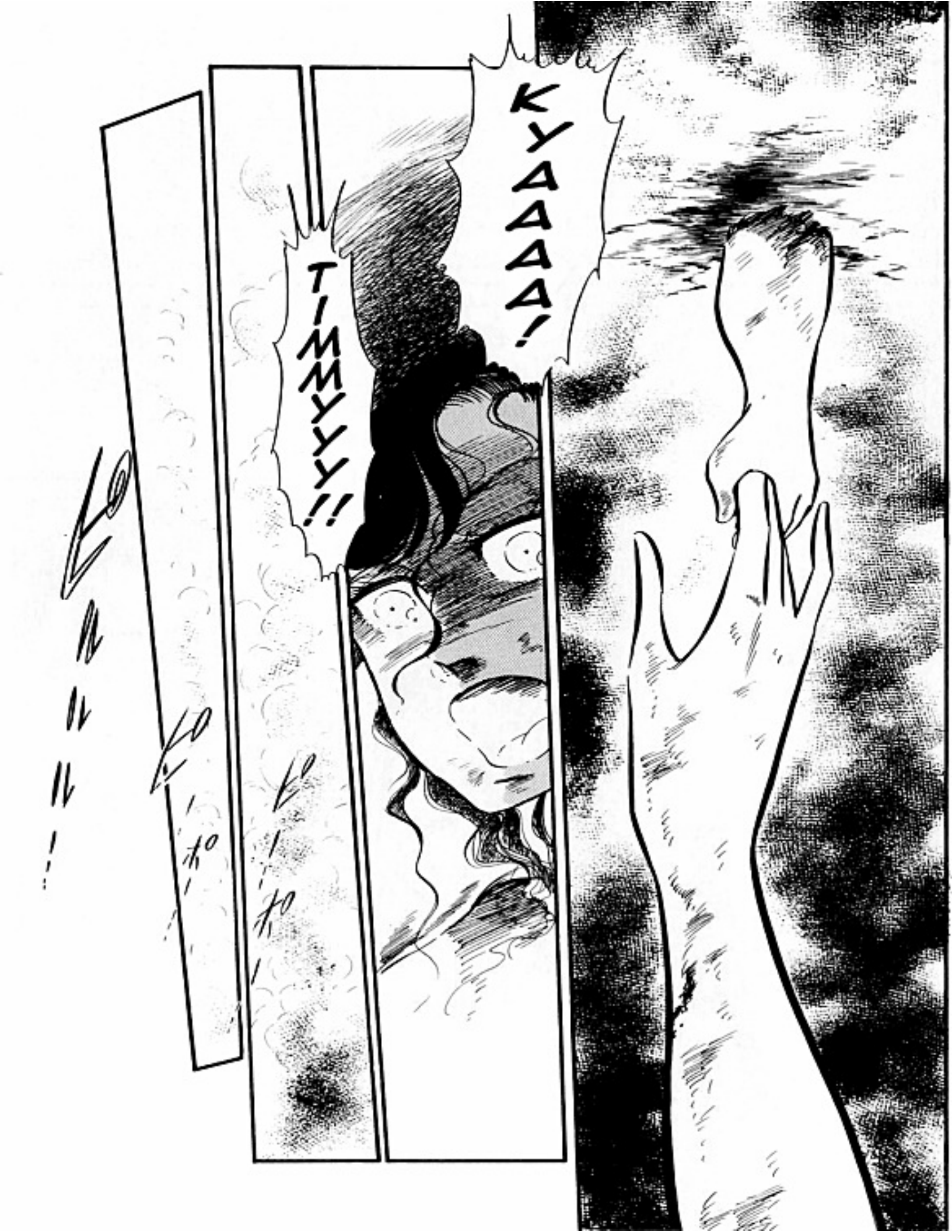
WELL, THIS IS AS FAR AS YOU CAN GO.
DON'T DAWDLE AROUND. GO STRAIGHT HOME.
WE'LL GO STRAIGHT HOME FROM THE AIRPORT.
BUT WANDERING AROUND THE AIRPORT DOESN'T COUNT AS DAWDLING.
THAT'S THE WAY TO THINK, MAMA!

I'M CARRYING SO MANY PACKAGES.
TIMMY, DON'T PULL SO HARD.
AH HA HA
PLAY
ATTENTION PLEASE. ONE-THIRTY FLIGHT BOUND FOR LONDON BY WAY OF HONOLULU...
THAT'S RIGHT ... SOON HE'LL BE IN LONDON...
THAT'S PAPA'S AIRPLANE.
THIS WAY, THIS WAY.
BUT... WE WON'T KNOW WHICH ONE IS GOING TO LONDON.
WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO SEE HIS AIRPLANE FROM OVER THERE.

COME ON, MAMA

OW ... UGH ...
WAA UGH ...
KYAA ...
HIEEE ...
AH...
UGH ...
TIM... MY...
GOD


KYAAAA!
TIMMY!!

TIMMY ...
OH !!
HELLO !?
MARIE!! CAN YOU ASSEMBLE YOUR TEAM FOR ME?
COLONEL!!

THIS MUST BE ABOUT THE TERRORIST INCIDENT AT TRIANGLE TOWER ...
THAT'S RIGHT... WE GOT AN OFFICIAL REQUEST ...
IT'S ONLY BEEN TWO DAYS SINCE WE GOT BACK FROM THE PATAGORA OPERATION ...
WE REALLY SHOULD HAVE AT LEAST TWO WEEKS REST AFTER AN OVERSEAS ASSIGNMENT ...
I IMAGINE THE CITY POLICE HAVE A SWAT TEAM...
AND ANYWAY, SURELY THE MILITARY HAS ITS OWN COUNTER-TERRORISM UNIT BESIDES US.
THE MILITARY UNIT IS NOT AVAILABLE FOR REASONS I AM NOT AT LIBERTY TO DIVULGE RIGHT NOW...
AND THIS SITUATION IS BEYOND WHAT THE SWAT TEAM CAN HANDLE.
THERE ARE OTHER SUITABLE TEAMS THAT COULD HANDLE IT, BUT GIVEN THAT THERE ARE CIVILIAN HOSTAGES, OUR DATA SAYS THAT CAT IS THE BEST CHOICE FOR THE JOB.
WITH ALL DUE RESPECT, SIR, IF THE GOAL IS TO RESCUE THE HOSTAGES, IT'S JUST A MATTER OF PAYING THE RANSOM...

YOU HAVE HIGH-POWER BINOCULARS HANDY, I BELIEVE.
IT HAS GONE BEYOND THAT...
SCAN DOWN SLIGHTLY FROM THE TOP.
I THINK YOU CAN SEE THE NORTH FACE OF THE BUILDING FROM YOUR APARTMENT.
SURE... WITH 7x TO 12x ZOOM.
CAN YOU SEE IT?
YES... SOMETHING IS HANGING DOWN. I'M ADJUSTING THE ZOOM.

WHA...
!!
THE ONE WHO JUST DIED THERE WAS THE MAYOR'S SECRETARY.
A WOMAN...
AND SOMETHING LIKE PAINT ON EITHER SIDE.

SO, AS FOR WHAT APPEARS TO BE PAINT...
THE ONE ON THE RIGHT WAS THE MAYOR. ON THE LEFT WAS THE CHIEF OF POLICE... THE ONE YOU SAW WAS THE THIRD.
THEY'RE ATTACHING EXPLOSIVES TO THE HOSTAGES AND DETONATING THEM!
CHILDREN!?
THEY SAY THE CHILDREN ARE UP NEXT.
!!
DON'T TELL ME... THE PERPETRATORS ARE FROM THAT UNIT ...
IN THAT CASE... IT'S HIGH TIME YOU CALLED IN THE MILITARY. WHAT REASON IS THERE... TO HESITATE...
BOTH TIMES THEY WERE DRIVEN BACK. THE PERPETRATORS ARE QUITE WELL ARMED.
THE CITY'S *SWAT* TEAM HAS TRIED TO STORM THE BUILDING TWICE.

PLEASE... MARIE. WE NEED A SPECIALIST.
THE PERPETRATORS SAY THEY WILL KILL ALL THE HOSTAGES IN FIVE HOURS...
THE OFFICIAL REQUEST CAME RIGHT FROM THE PENTAGON.
...
THE FIRST PRIORITY FOR HOSTAGE RESCUE WILL BE THE WOMEN AND CHILDREN...
I HOPE YOU UNDERSTAND.
AND ... FOR THE DURATION OF THE OPERATION, I WILL ASSUME FULL COMMAND.
FINE ... I'LL CALL THE OTHERS.
AND ONE OTHER THING ... I CANNOT GUARANTEE THE SURVIVAL OF THE PERPETRATORS...

THERE ARE ABOUT THIRTY TERRORISTS BUT THE EXACT COUNT IS UNKNOWN...
THEY APPEAR TO BE DEPLOYED THROUGHOUT THE UPPER FIFTEEN FLOORS OF THE EIGHTY-STORY BUILDING.
JUST LIKE COCKROACHES.
THE HOSTAGES ARE ALL BEING HELD IN PARTHENON HALL, ON FLOOR 72.
THERE ARE ABOUT SIXTY MEN AND WOMEN IN TOTAL.
AMONG THEM ARE SIXTEEN CHILDREN.
SIXTY... THAT'S A SMALL NUMBER FOR A PARTY LIKE THIS.
THEY ONLY KEPT CELEBRITIES AND OTHERS INVOLVED IN THE PROJECT.
THEY DROVE OUT THE OTHER TWELVE TO FIFTEEN HUNDRED PEOPLE.

THE SWAT TEAM TRIED TO LAND IN A CHOPPER.
THEY'VE INSTALLED HEAVY WEAPONS ON THE ROOF. INVADING FROM THE SKY WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE.
PERHAPS IT WOULD BE QUICKEST TO GO IN FROM THE TOP.
THERE'S THE RESULT.
WOULD YOU PLEASE NOT INTERRUPT US WHILE WE ARE DELIBERATING, SERGEANT?
OUR SWAT TEAM ALSO ATTACKED FROM BELOW, BUT WE LOST CONTACT WITH THEM AFTER THEY WENT ABOVE THE 65TH FLOOR.
I'M WITH THE SECOND SWAT TEAM; COLIN... YAMAZAKI.
SWAT
I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT NEED SOME MUSCLE.

COMMANDER!
I'M NOT OBLIGATED TO ANSWER THAT.
ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW IS THAT I AM IN CHARGE HERE.
YOU'RE JAPA-NESE, HUH...
IWAT
OK!!
JESSICA, MAKE PRE-PARATIONS AT ONCE.
THIS PLACE IS HUGE, AS EXPECTED.
I WILL NEED YOU TO HOLD THE 70TH FLOOR FOR TWO HOURS.
LESLIE,
THE OPERATION WILL COMMENCE IN TEN MINUTES. BE AT YOUR POST.
YES'M!
IRENE,
SHOOT THE CON-TAINERS WHEN YOU GET THE SIGNAL.
ROGER!!

YES'M!
DELILAH!!
YES'M!
LIN!!
JA!
HELGA!!
LET'S GO!!
YOU'RE WITH ME. WE'RE STRIKING FROM BELOW.
H-HEY! JUST A SEC!! JUST FOUR WOMEN ...
SWAT
SHUT UP AND GET OUT.

STOP!!
DON'T KILL HIM !!
...STOP...
MARIE!
MAMAAA!
H-HEY! IT'S A BOY!!
!!
KA-BOOOOOM!
NOOOOOOO!

BECAUSE NO ONE... WILL BE SAVED...
Marie...
A ROSE !?
SWAT

HELGA!!
HOW LONG BEFORE THEY EXECUTE THE NEXT CHILD?
47 MINUTES.
THEY SAID THEY WOULD KILL SOMEONE EVERY HOUR, SO...

AT THE SEVENTIETH FLOOR WE HAVE THIRTY MINUTES TO FORCE THEM TO SURREN -DER.
U-UNDER-STOOD!!
JESSICA!! WE CAN'T WAIT TWO HOURS.
BE READY IN ONE HOUR !!

THAT'S RIGHT.
M-MARIE!
YOU'RE USING THE ELEVA-TOR!!
TNT
DANGER
FOR THIS.
FOOLS!!
HEY!!
THEY'RE COMING UP THE ELEVATOR!

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WHAT IS IT!!
WAUGH!!
AN ELE-VATOR LOADED WITH EXPLO-SIVES IS COMING UP!
I- INSANE ...

YES'M!
COOKY, THE DIAGRAM.
NOW HURRY.
THIS IS NO TIME TO BE SLACKING OFF.
WOULD THIS SMALL AMOUNT BE ENOUGH?
HERE... HERE AND ALSO HERE
COMMANDER!! DON'T USE THE THIRD ELEVATOR.
WE NEED IT TO BRING IN THE EXPLOSIVES.
ROGER!!
DESPITE ITS LOOKS, IT'S CHEAPLY CONSTRUCTED. IT SHOULD BE ENOUGH.
C4
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AH... STILL ...
THAT ABOUT DID IT.

LET'S GO!!

CONTROL ROOM!! IT'S THE SWAT!!
A DIVER -SION! DAMN !!
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WAUGH!!

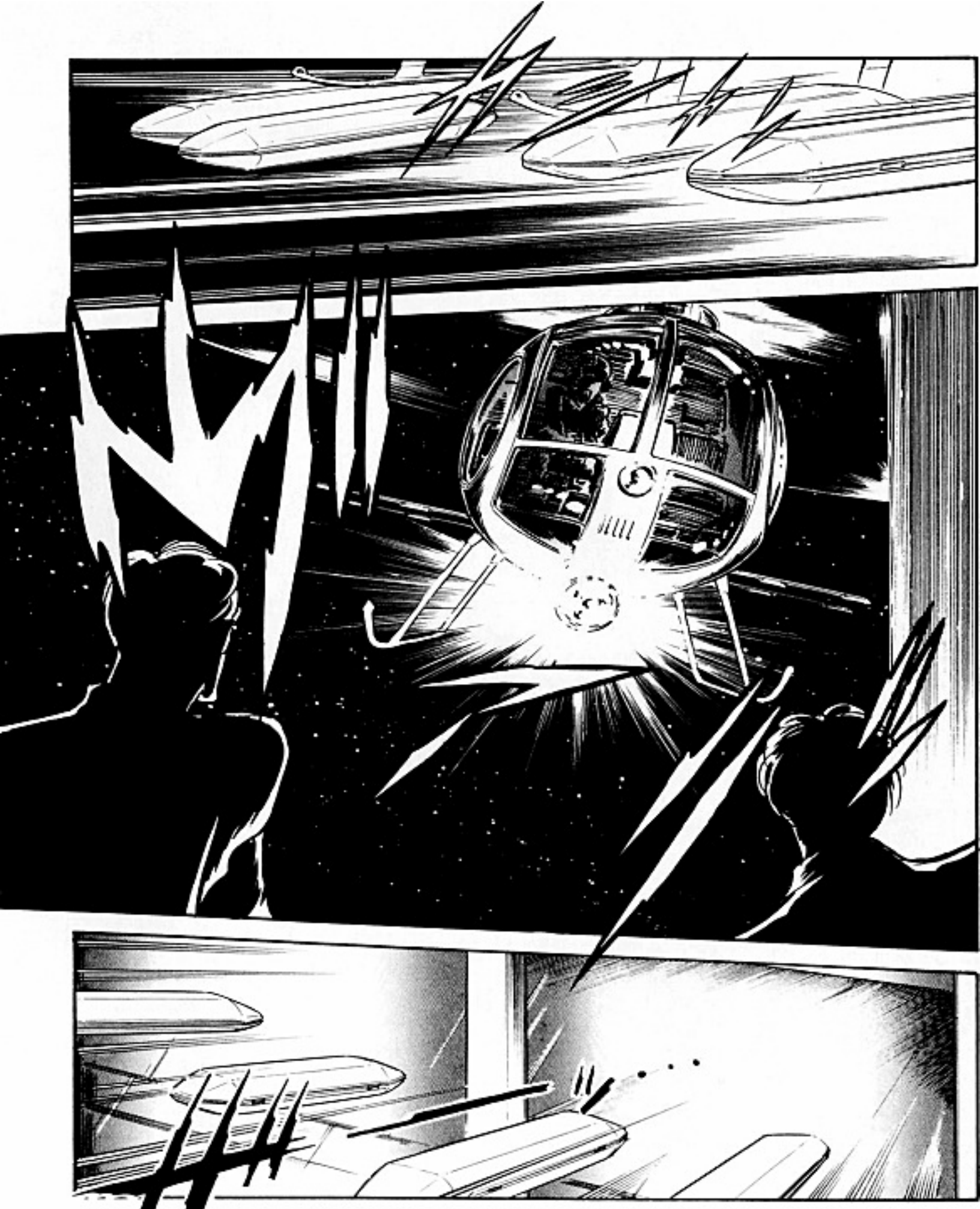
HELGA HERE!! I'M ON FLOOR 70; MOVING IN TO SECURE THE AREA!!

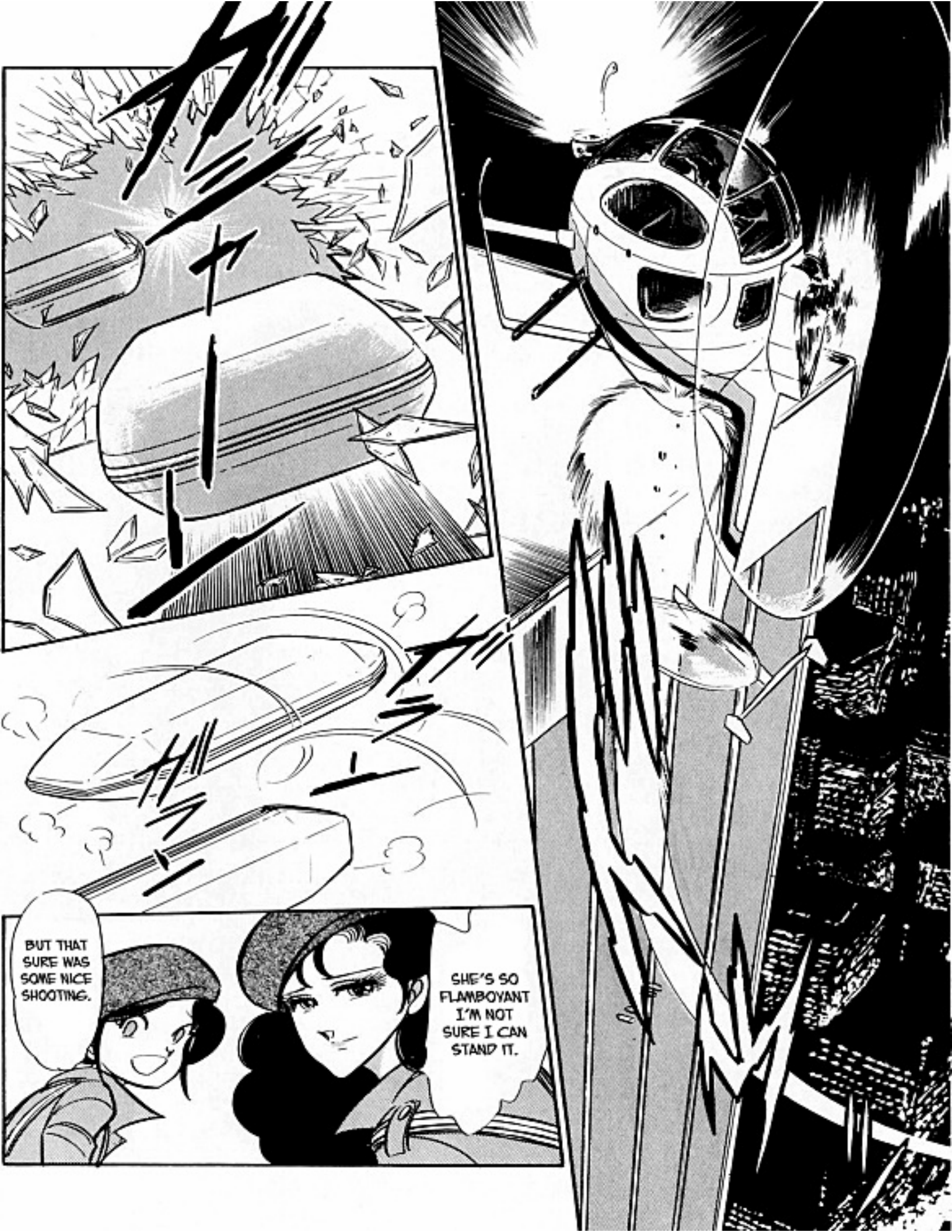
!
!!
IT'S OVER ...

SHE SHOOTS ANYTHING THAT MOVES.
IT WOULD BE RATHER DANGER-OUS TO BE WITH HER.
DO YOU THINK HELGA IS OKAY BY HERSELF?
OOF.
OH WELL.
CAN'T YOU DO IT?
JUST RIGHT ABOUT ... THIS SPOT.
LIN ...
HERE!

SIGNAL SIGHTED !!
TARGET ACQUIRED !!
DELILAH!! LIN!!
IF YOU DON'T WANT TO GET HIT, GET OUT OF THE WAY!!

THERE
...




BUT THAT SURE WAS SOME NICE SHOOTING.
SHE'S SO FLAMBOYANT I'M NOT SURE I CAN STAND IT.

ORDER THEM TO DISPOSE OF ALL THE HOS-TAGES!!
FOOLS! WHAT ARE THEY AIMING FOR?
WAIT!!
LOOKS LIKE AMERICA HAS CHOSEN COUNTRY OVER ITS PEOPLE.
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ああああっ
THIS ONE MIGHT BE USEFUL.
NO...

ZOOOOOOO!!

YOU PEOPLE ARE THE VICTIMS OF YOUR COUNTRY'S ARROGANCE.
FWUMP
AHH!!
KYAA!!
OHH!!
FWUMP ...?
THIS IS THE 72ND FLOOR. THAT WAS WAY TOO QUICK FOR HER TO FALL SO FAR.

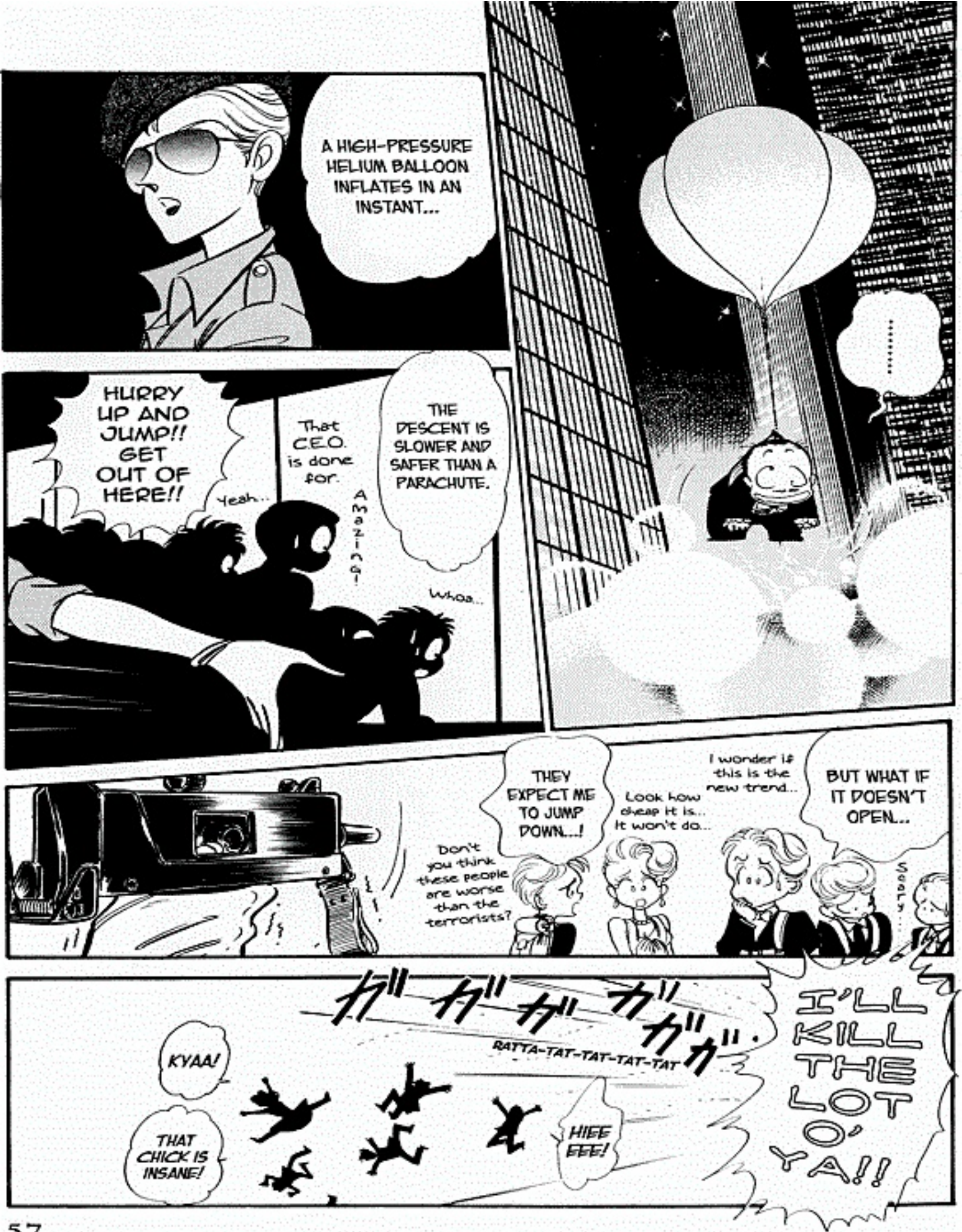
HUH !!
THANK GOOD-NESS IT WAS A GIRL. I MIGHT NOT HAVE BEEN ABLE TO HOLD ON TO A BOY.

ATTACK
!!
come on, hurry!!

WHOA!!
WAAUUGHH!
!!

QUICKLY!! HURRY ON DOWN!!
RUN FOR IT!!
IT HURTS ...
H-HELP ME...
PUT THIS BELT AROUND YOUR BODY.
DON'T LOOK...
HHHHH...
I SEE ...
I'LL MAKE IT ALL BETTER FOR YOU.

IT'S VERY EASY TO USE. ANYONE CAN DO IT.
DO WE PUT THIS ON...
LIKE THIS...
Isn't it great!? Mr. CEO!!
!
FLY DOWN, PLEASE.
There... Look Mr. CEO!!
?
COME OVER HERE TO THE WINDOW.
AH!
WHAT ON EARTH ...
KYAAA!
AHHHH


A HIGH-PRESSURE HELIUM BALLOON INFLATES IN AN INSTANT...
.....
HURRY UP AND JUMP!! GET OUT OF HERE!!
Yeah..
That C.E.O. is done for.
Amazing!
THE DESCENT IS SLOWER AND SAFER THAN A PARACHUTE.
Whoa..
THEY EXPECT ME TO JUMP DOWN...!
Don't you think these people are worse than the terrorists?
Look how cheap it is.. It won't do..
I wonder if this is the new trend..
BUT WHAT IF IT DOESN'T OPEN..
Sooty...
KYAA!
THAT CHICK IS INSANE!
RATTA-TAT-TAT-TAT-TAT
HIEE EEE!
I'LL KILL THE LOT O' YA!!

NO...
NOW... IT'S YOUR TURN.
I... WOULD RATHER DIE...
THEY KILLED MY BROTHER... AND MAMA...
DON'T TALK NON-SENSE ...
I'LL DIE, TOO... THEN I CAN SEE THEM IN HEAVEN ...
...THAT BOY... THE LAST ONE...

I CAN'T TELL YOU HOW MANY TIMES I'VE WANTED TO DIE.
LONG AGO, EVIL MEN LIKE THOSE KILLED MY HUSBAND AND MY SON...
M-MA'AM ...
BUT... BECAUSE I LIVED, I COULD SAVE YOU... AND ALL THE OTHERS.
THIS WORLD IS WAITING FOR YOU TO DO THE THINGS THAT YOU MUST.
SO... YOU MUST LIVE, TOO.

BUT IN ORDER TO ACCESS IT, THEY NEEDED THE SUPER-COMPUTER AND COMPUTER NETWORK INS-TALLED IN THIS BUILDING.
WHAT THEY WERE AFTER IS THE PENTAGON'S TOP SECRET "SECRET MAT".
COMMANDER!! A LARGE HELICOPTER GUNSHIP IS APPROACH-ING FROM THE SEA.
AMERICA WOULD BE A SITTING DUCK. IT WOULD TAKE AT LEAST FIVE YEARS TO REPROGRAM EVERYTHING.
IF THEY COULD SELL THAT TO THE EASTERN BLOC, THEY'D BE SET FOR LIFE...
IT ALSO CONTROLS THE MILITARY SATELLITES.
THE "SECRET MAT" IS THE PROGRAM THAT STORES ALL THE LOCATIONS AND TARGETS OF THE NUCLEAR SUBS AND ICBM'S*.
SO THE CHOPPER THAT'S COMING IS...
THEY MUST NOT BE ALLOWED TO LEAVE THIS BUILDING.
TO GAIN AS MUCH TIME AS THEY COULD THE COPY THE DATA...
THEY USED OUR DESIRE TO SAVE THE HOSTAGES
OF COURSE .... IT'S HERE.

*INTERCONTINENTAL BALLISTIC MISSILES: MISSILES CAPABLE OF TRAVELING BETWEEN CONTINENTS.

EHHH!! ARE WE TURNING THE TERRORISTS OVER TO THEM!?
THIS IS THE EASTERN BLOC COMING TO GET THEM.
THEY COPIED ALL THE DATA.
I HAVE NO INTENTION OF TURNING THEM OVER ...
FOR NOW, LET'S GET OUT OF HERE.
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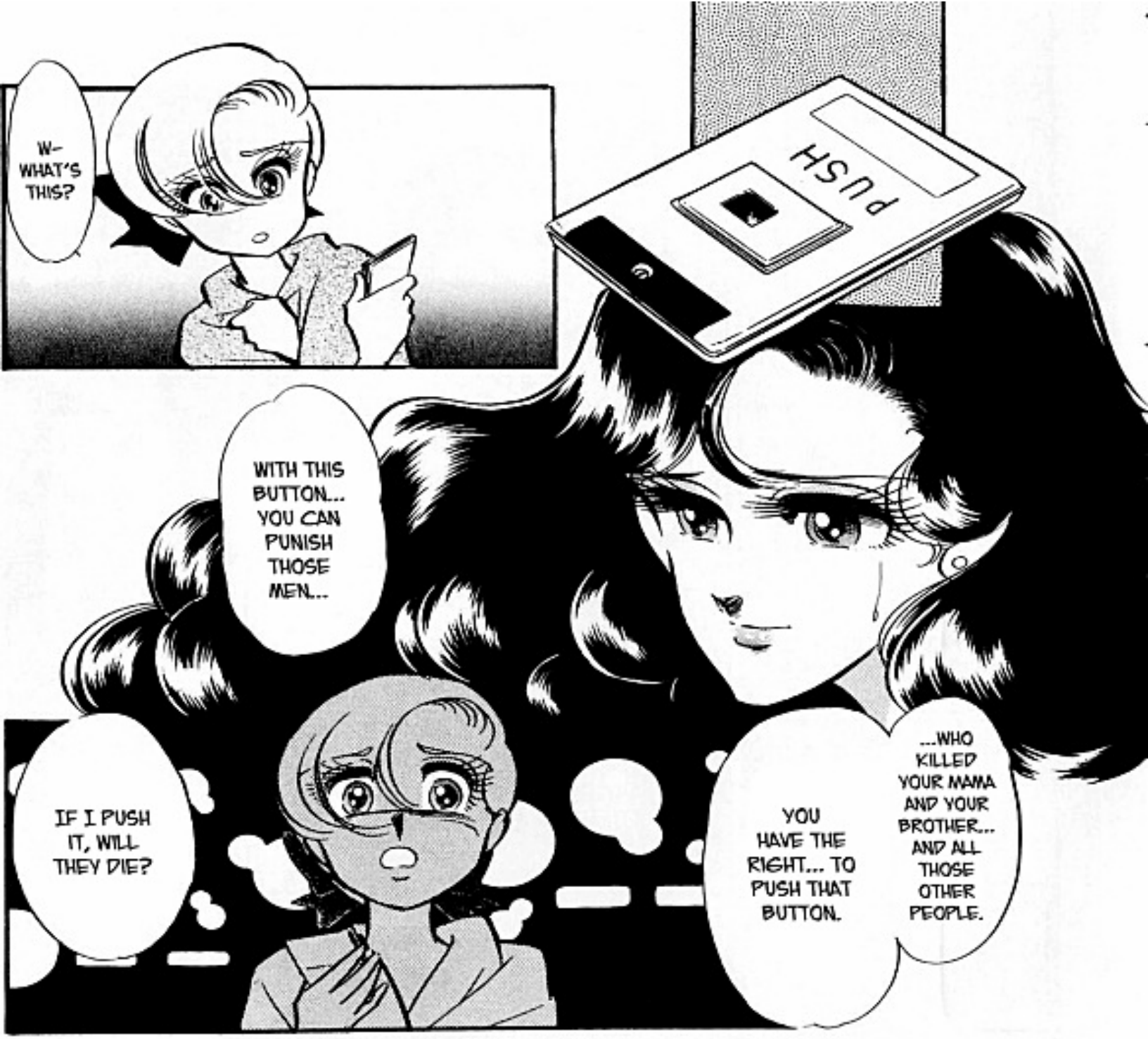
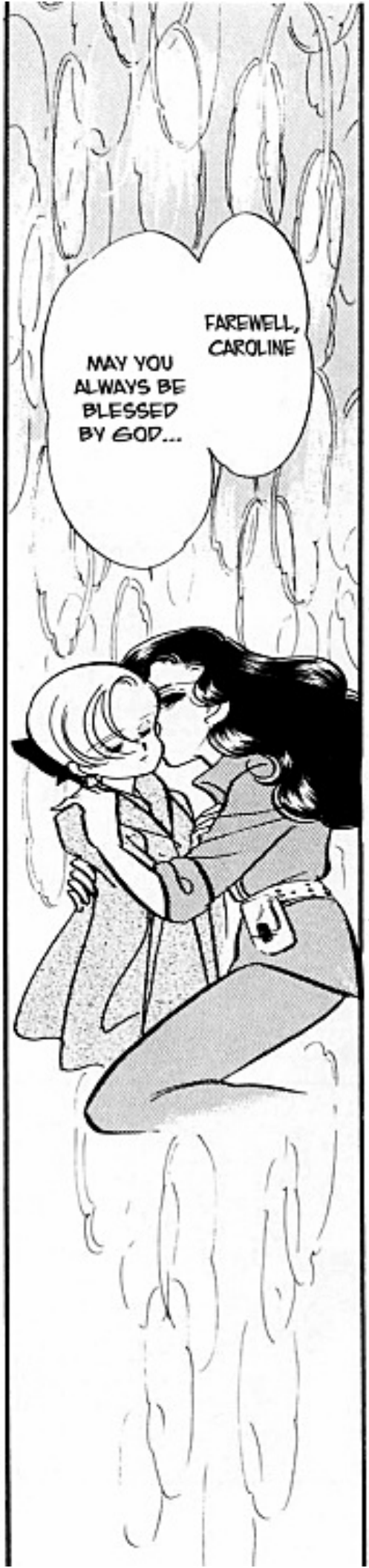
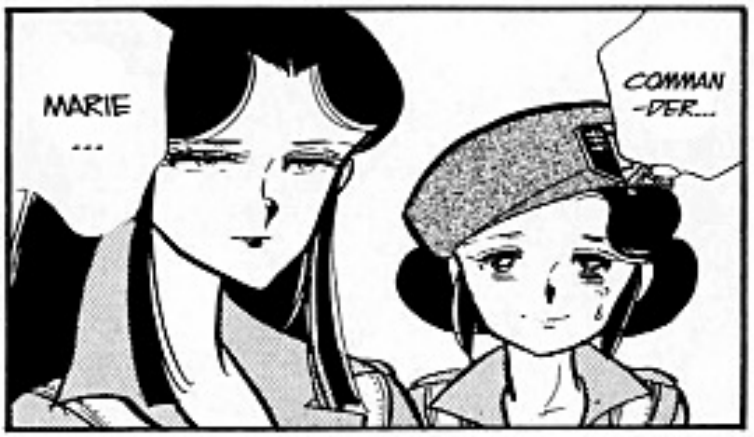
THE TERRO-RISTS ARE GETTING AWAY!!
W-WHAT IS THAT CHOPPER!?
COMMANDER!!
GOOD WORK.
IS EVERY-ONE CLEAR OF THE BUILDING?
THE CHOPPER IS NEARLY ON THE ROOF!!
DON'T WORRY...
IF THERE REALLY IS A GOD, HE'S BOUND TO BE ON OUR SIDE.
LIN, WOULD YOU CALL THAT GIRL OVER HERE?
YES... BUT WE DIDN'T HAVE TOO MUCH TIME...
PUSH


W-WHAT'S THIS?
PUSH
WITH THIS BUTTON... YOU CAN PUNISH THOSE MEN...
IF I PUSH IT, WILL THEY DIE?
YOU HAVE THE RIGHT... TO PUSH THAT BUTTON.
...WHO KILLED YOUR MAMA AND YOUR BROTHER... AND ALL THOSE OTHER PEOPLE.

.....
YES... GO AHEAD ...
SHH!!
COMMAN-DER!!


FAREWELL, CAROLINE
MAY YOU ALWAYS BE BLESSED BY GOD...

I... I DON'T WANT TO GO TO HELL.
THANK YOU, LORD. YOU HAVE SAVED THE SOUL OF THIS LITTLE GIRL.

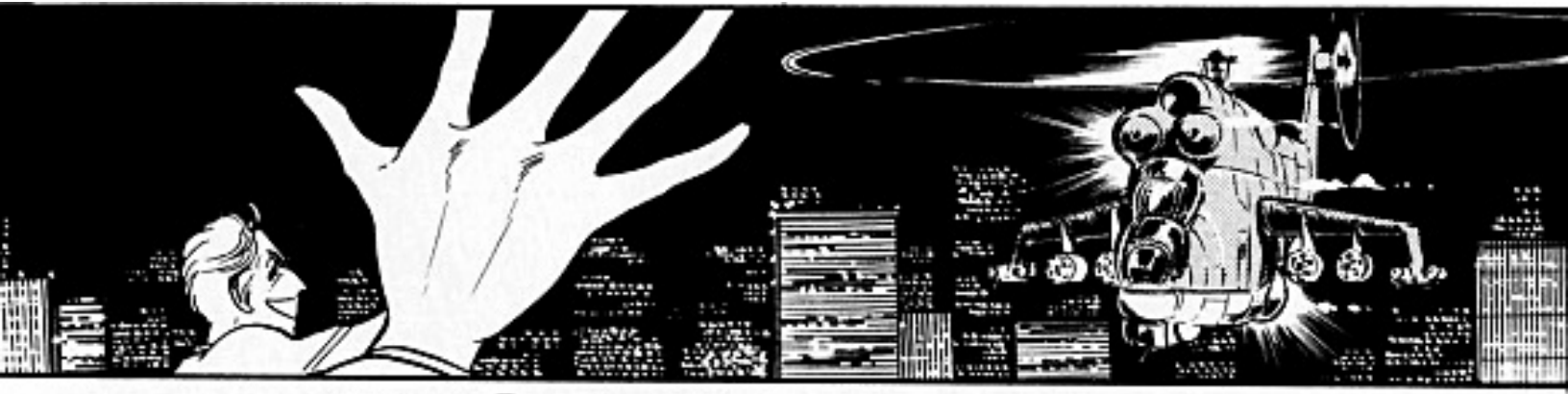

COMMAN-DER...
MARIE ...

I DIDN'T EVER ASK YOUR NAME.
CAROLINE.

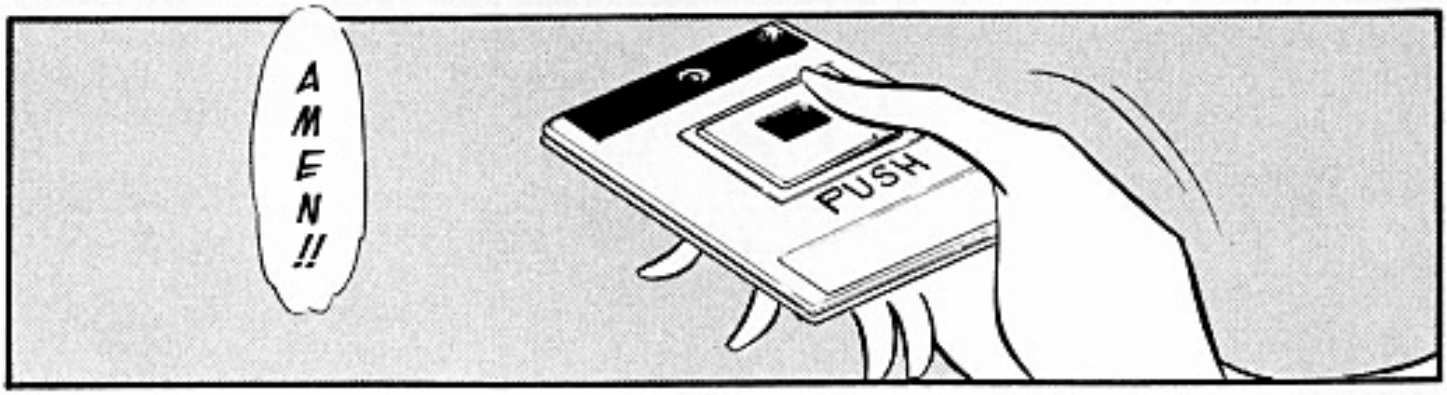
I WON'T PUSH IT...
IT IS WRONG TO KILL PEOPLE.
NO MATTER HOW BAD THEY ARE, IT'S WRONG ...

DID YOU NOT HEAR ME!?
GET YOUR MEN OUT OF HERE AT ONCE!!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING WITH THE TERRORISTS!?
MR. YAMAZAKI!
ORDER YOUR MEN TO VACATE THE PREMISES.
SWAT
SWAT
SOMEONE HAS TO PUSH THE BUTTON...
MARIE ...
ALL HANDS OUT!!
GET AWAY FROM THE BUILDING!
SWAT

THEY ARE GET-TING AWAY !!
ARE YOU JUST GOING TO LET THEM GO!?
I HAVE NO INTENTION OF LETTING THEM GO NOR FORGIVING THEM.
I AM NOT AS MERCIFUL AS GOD.



LORD ...
WE ARE RELUCTANT TRAVELERS LOST UPON THIS ROAD...
PLEASE GIVE US YOUR GUIDANCE.


AMEN!!
PUSH

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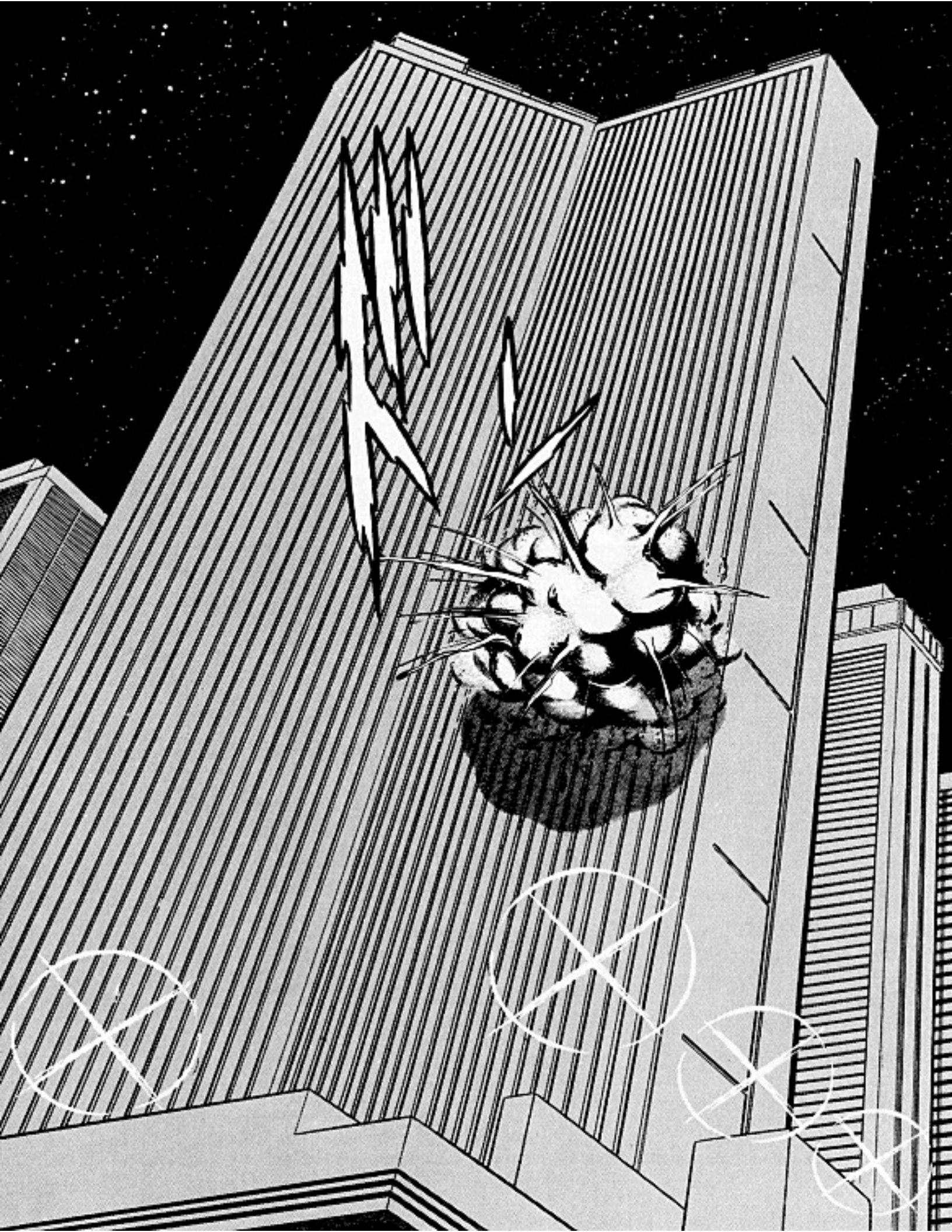

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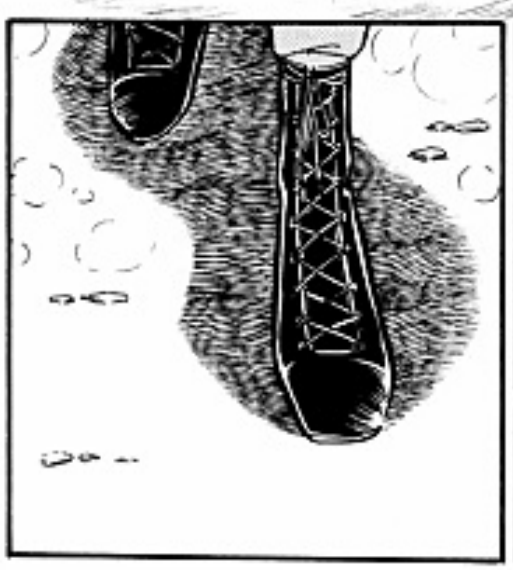

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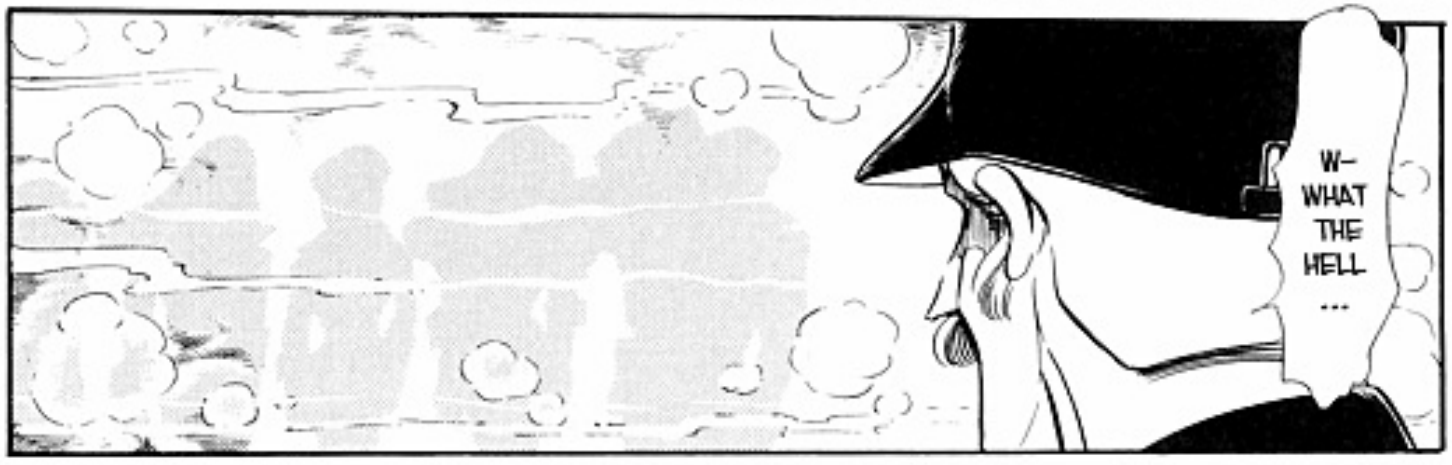
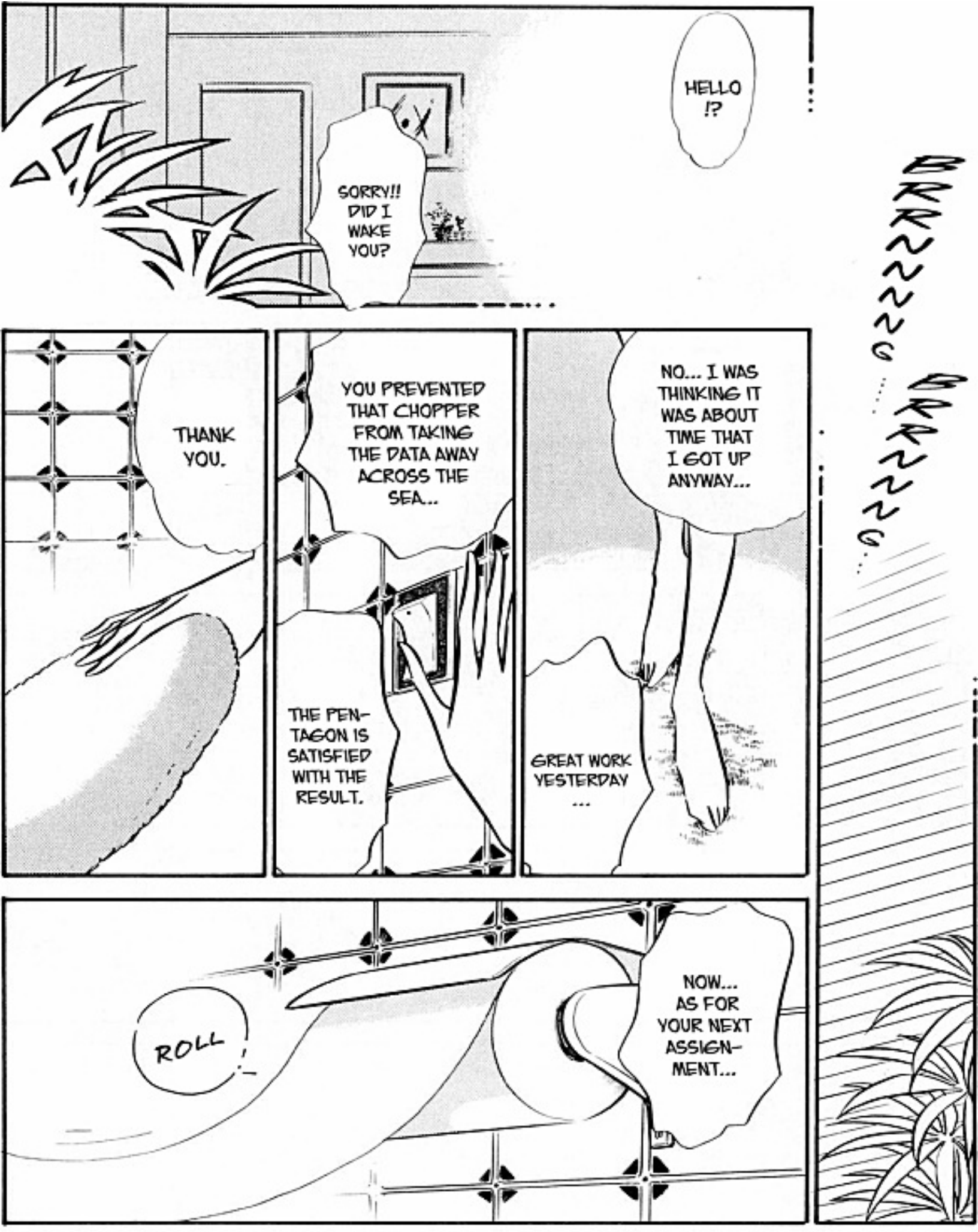
I D-DON'T BELIEVE IT. THEY... DESTROYED THE ENTIRE BUILDING.
COMMAN -DER!!
SWAT


W- WHAT THE HELL ...

MISSION ACCOMPLISHED ...
TAKE CARE OF THE CLEANUP, MISTER YAMAZAKI.
.....
S.WAT
DO YOU REALIZE WHAT YOU'VE DONE!?
Y-YOU SHE-DEVILS ...
TO HELL WITH ALL OF YOU !!


HELLO !?
SORRY!! DID I WAKE YOU?
BRRZZZG... BRRZZZG...
NO... I WAS THINKING IT WAS ABOUT TIME THAT I GOT UP ANYWAY...
GREAT WORK YESTERDAY ...
YOU PREVENTED THAT CHOPPER FROM TAKING THE DATA AWAY ACROSS THE SEA...
THE PENTAGON IS SATISFIED WITH THE RESULT.
THANK YOU.
NOW... AS FOR YOUR NEXT ASSIGNMENT...
ROLL

A RED ROSE BLOOMS IN A BED OF HATRED AND MADNESS THAT REEKS OF BLOOD.

I AM A ROSE. A CRIMSON ROSE THAT HAS FORSAKEN LOVE AND BLOOMS IN THE SAND...

I WOULD LIKE YOU TO...

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砂の薔薇
デザート・ローズ
THE PRESIDENT IS KNOWN FOR HIS HARDHEAD-EDNESS ...
ISN'T THAT WAY TOO MUCH GUNPOWDER?

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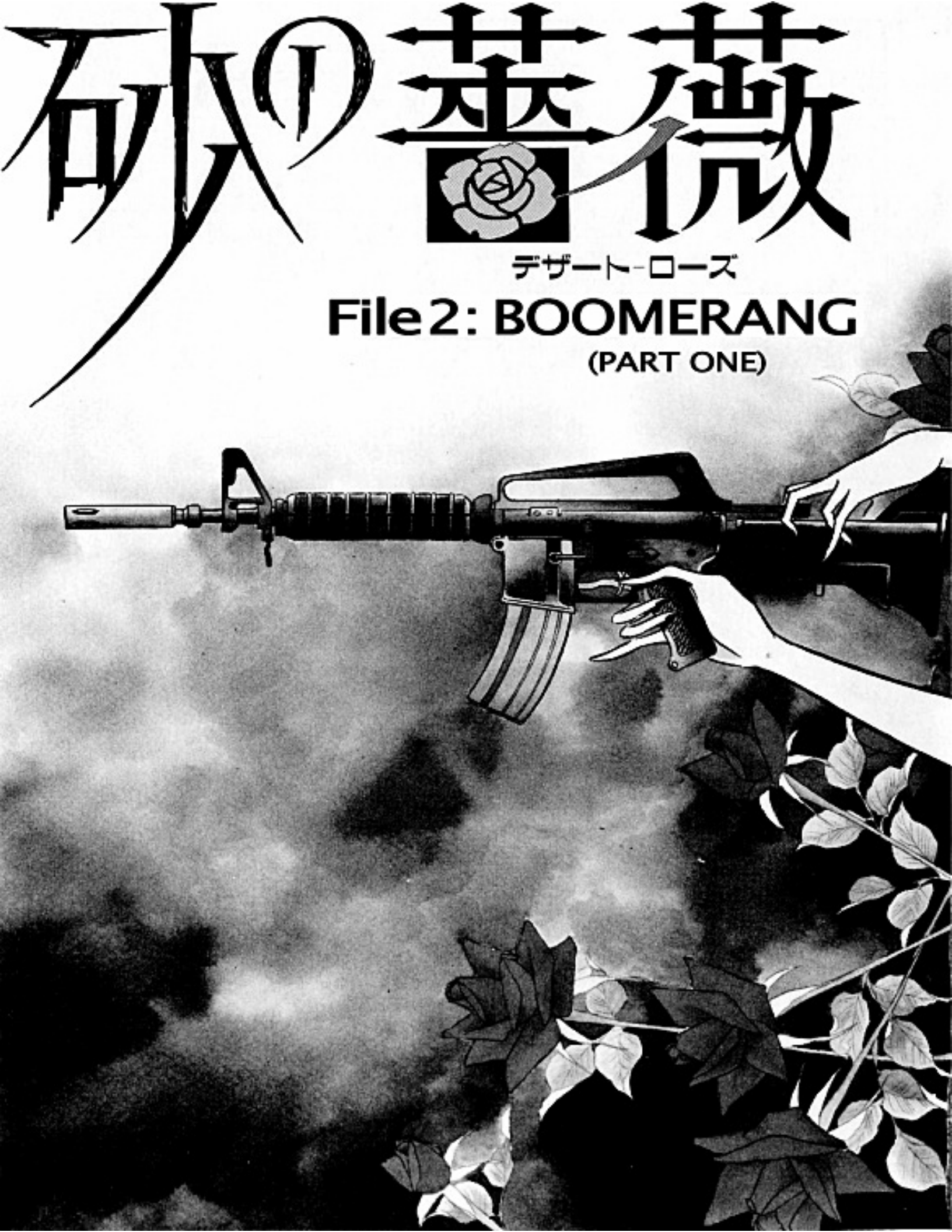
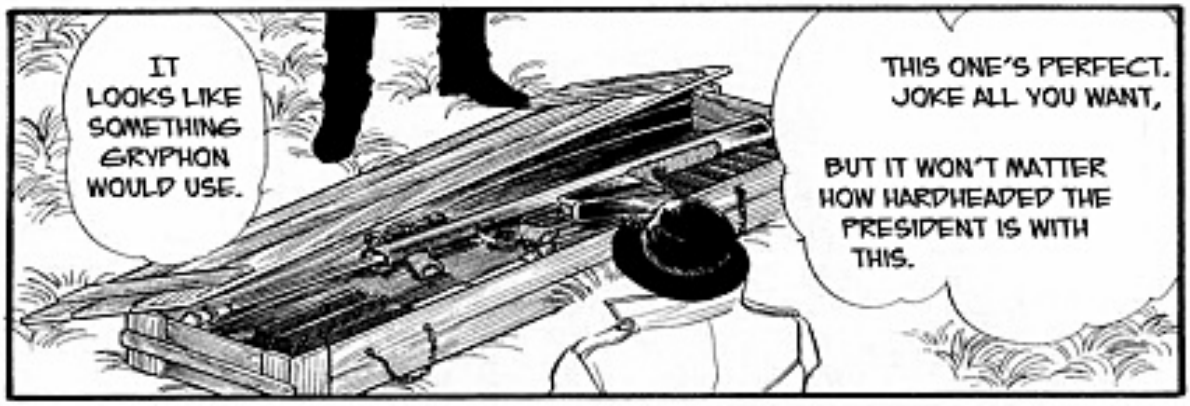
File 2: BOOMERANG

(PART ONE)



I'M THE ONE WHO COLLECTS THEM, SO YOU LOAD A COUPLE MORE OFF THE TRUCK.
ENOUGH GRUMBLING. WE'LL BE PRACTICING WITH THESE TILL THE DAY COMES.
AW, CRAP. ALL IN PIECES.
THESE WERE PRETTY EXPENSIVE, EVEN FOR USED MANNEQUINS.
...SHEESH!
AS SOON AS YOU'VE FINISHED ADJUSTING THE GUNSIGHT, PUT THAT ONE BACK IN THE BOX.

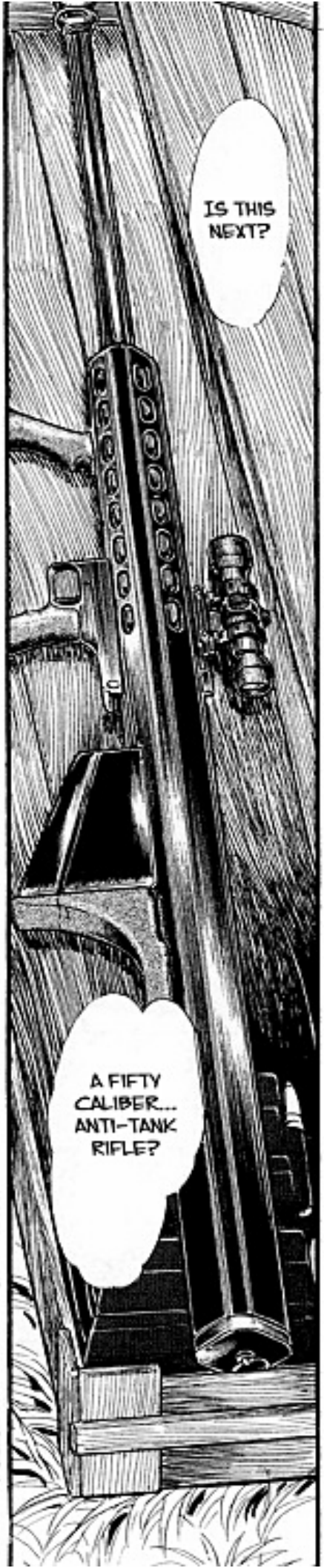

IT LOOKS LIKE SOMETHING GRYPHON WOULD USE.
THIS ONE'S PERFECT. JOKE ALL YOU WANT,
BUT IT WON'T MATTER HOW HARDHEADED THE PRESIDENT IS WITH THIS.

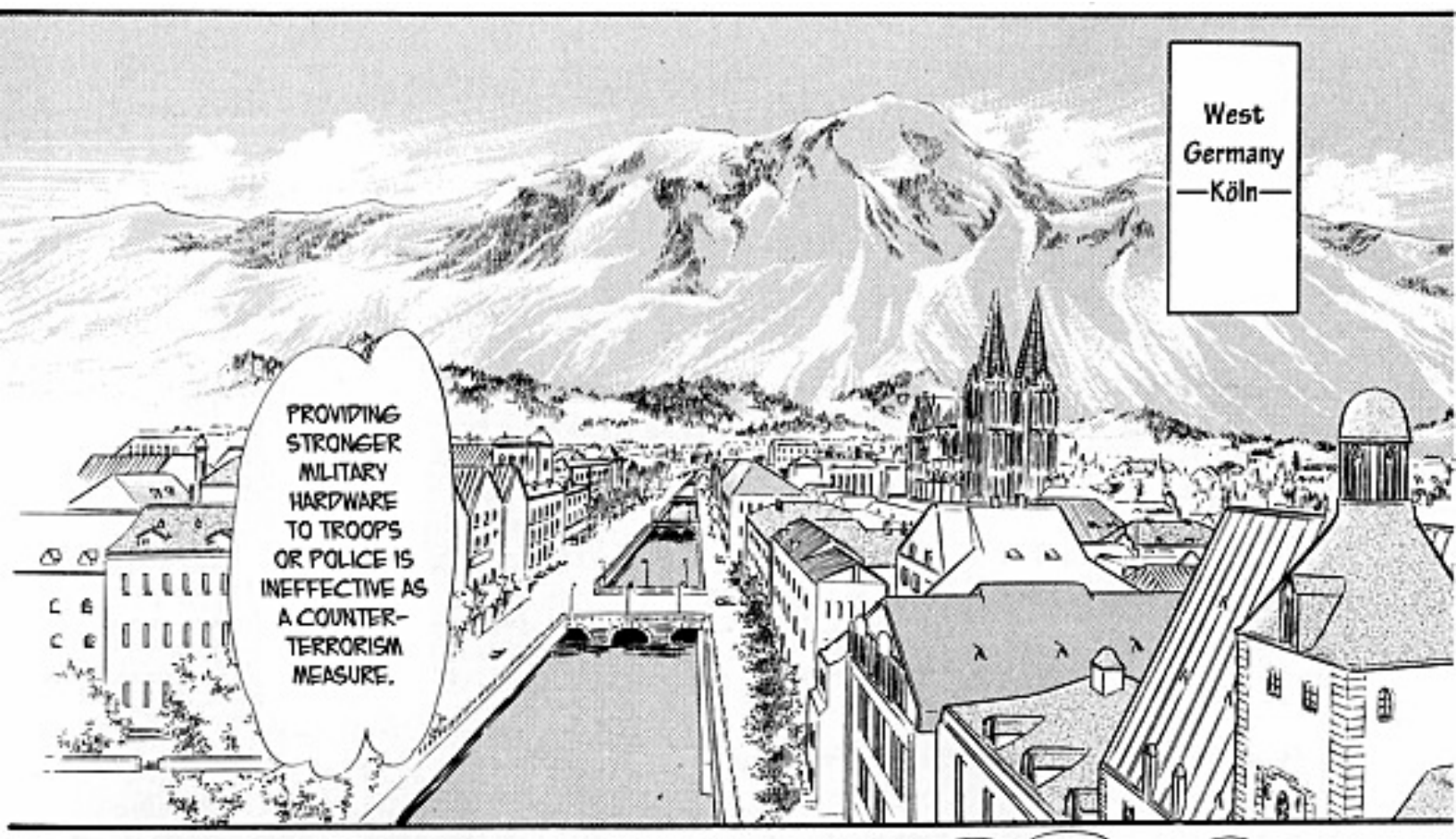
GRYPHON?
IS HE IN ON THIS OPERATION AS WELL?

HEY... WE NEED TO FINISH TEST-FIRING THESE BEFORE SUNSET.

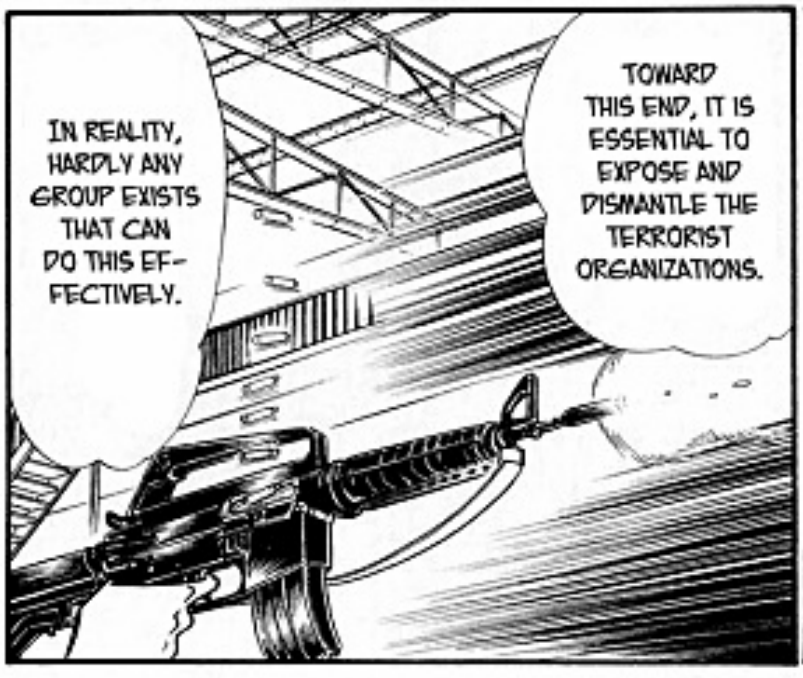
JUST HOW BIG IS THIS OPERATION "BOOMERANG" ?
WHO KNOWS ...

AREN'T EXPLOSIVES HIS SPECIALTY?
WE'LL BE USING EXPLO-SIVES.
HEY, HEY ...


IS THIS NEXT?
A FIFTY CALIBER... ANTI-TANK RIFLE?


West Germany —Köln—
PROVIDING STRONGER MILITARY HARDWARE TO TROOPS OR POLICE IS INEFFECTIVE AS A COUNTER-TERRORISM MEASURE.

MORE EFFECTIVE IS CONSTANTLY TRAINING FOR SWIFT RESPONSE AND JUDGMENT.


IN REALITY, HARDLY ANY GROUP EXISTS THAT CAN DO THIS EFFECTIVELY.
TOWARD THIS END, IT IS ESSENTIAL TO EXPOSE AND DISMANTLE THE TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS.

THE MOST VITAL GOAL IS TO PREVENT THE TERRORISTS FROM EVEN PERFORMING THE DEED.

TERRORISTS KNOW NO BORDERS,
BUT THOSE WHO BATTLE THEM MUST RESPECT NATIONAL BOUNDARIES.
HOWEVER!!
EACH GROUP IS RESTRICTED TO OPERATIONS AFFECTING ITS OWN COUNTRY.
OF COURSE THERE ARE PLENTY OF GROUPS THAT SPECIALIZE IN COUNTER-TERRORISM.
GSG 9 IN GERMANY, SAS IN ENGLAND.
AMERICA HAS SPECIAL FORCES FOR IT... BUT THE PROBLEM IS...
IT IS CALLED COUNTERATTACK TERRORISM, BETTER KNOWN AS CAT.
THERE IS ONE GROUP THAT, LIKE TERRORISTS, HAS NO BORDERS.
THEY ARE MERCENARIES WHOSE SPECIALTY IS FIGHTING TERRORISM.

MINOR INJURIES TO ELLI AND SHERRY.
WHAT ARE YOUR DAMA-GES?
GATHER UP!!
I THINK SHE'S STILL WORKING.
WHAT ABOUT JESSICA ?
DELILAH!
WHAT ABOUT THE BAD GUYS?
MAMA IS STILL SINGING HER LULLABY.
THREE WERE SEVERELY WOUNDED;
FOUR ARE CORPSES.
SLEEP ... LITTLE BABY.

YEP.
LIKE A GOOD LITTLE BOY.
IS THE BABY FAST ASLEEP?
I'LL LEAVE THE REST TO YOU.
THERE ... SOUND ASLEEP.
JA!
HELGA!!
CALL THE TEAM IN AND CHECK THE EQUIPMENT.
WE'RE GOING HOME !!
MISSION COMPLETE! —1200— (HOURS)
PACK IT UP!

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VHS
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VHS
FWD
FFWD
PAUSE
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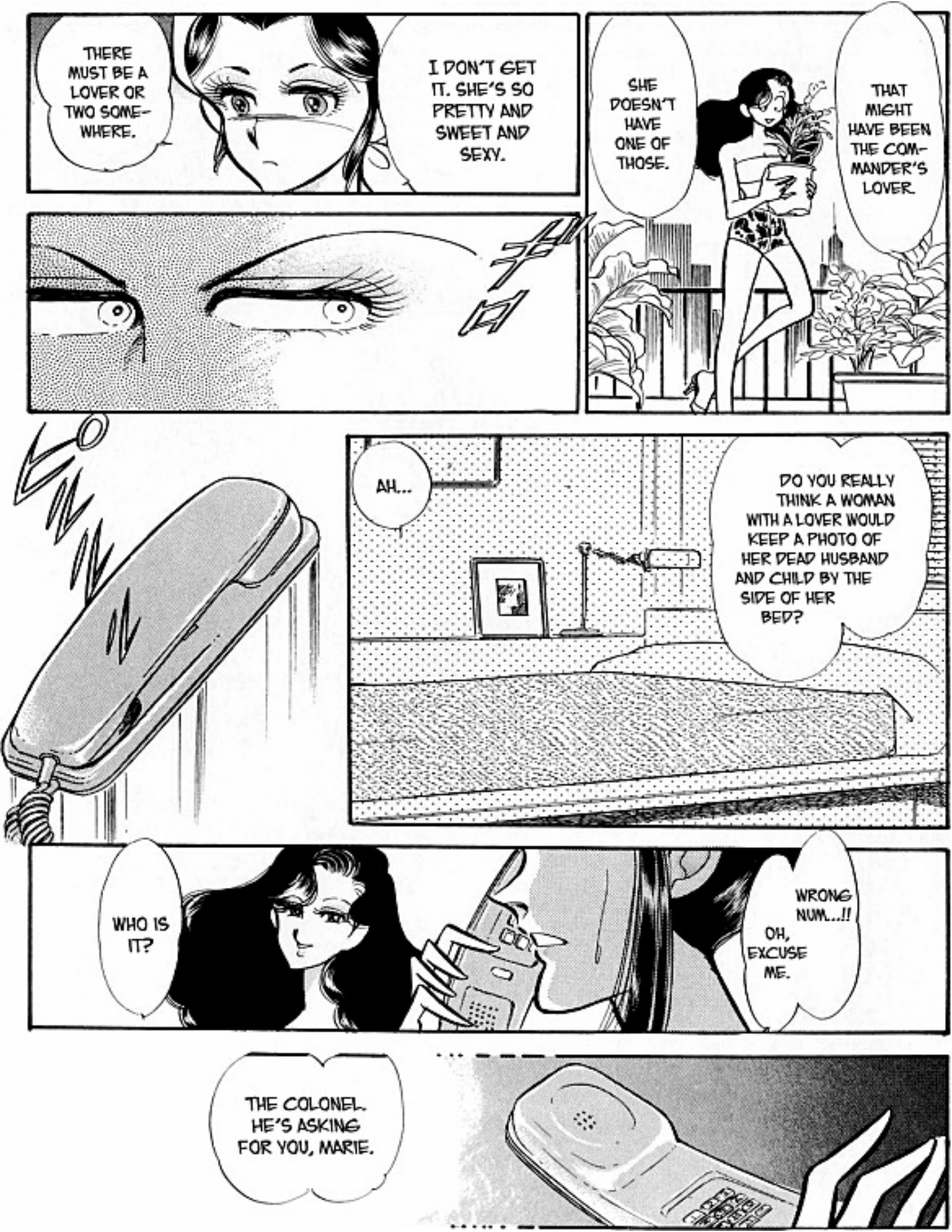
1/4
ON THIS VCR
WAS AN OPERATION CARRIED OUT IN KÖLN TWO WEEKS AGO IN THE DAYS PRECEDING AN INTERNATIONAL SUMMIT.
CAT RAIDED THE SAFE HOUSE OF AN IRA-AFFILIATED TERRORIST GROUP KNOWN AS "THE SILVER CAVALRY"!!
HERE WE CAN SEE THEM COMMENCING THE ATTACK AND SEIZING EXPLOSIVES AND ATTACK RIFLES.
ALL I SEE ON THE SCREEN ARE WOMEN...
ARE THEY AUXILIARIES?
THEY ARE THE MAIN FORCE.
WHAT!?

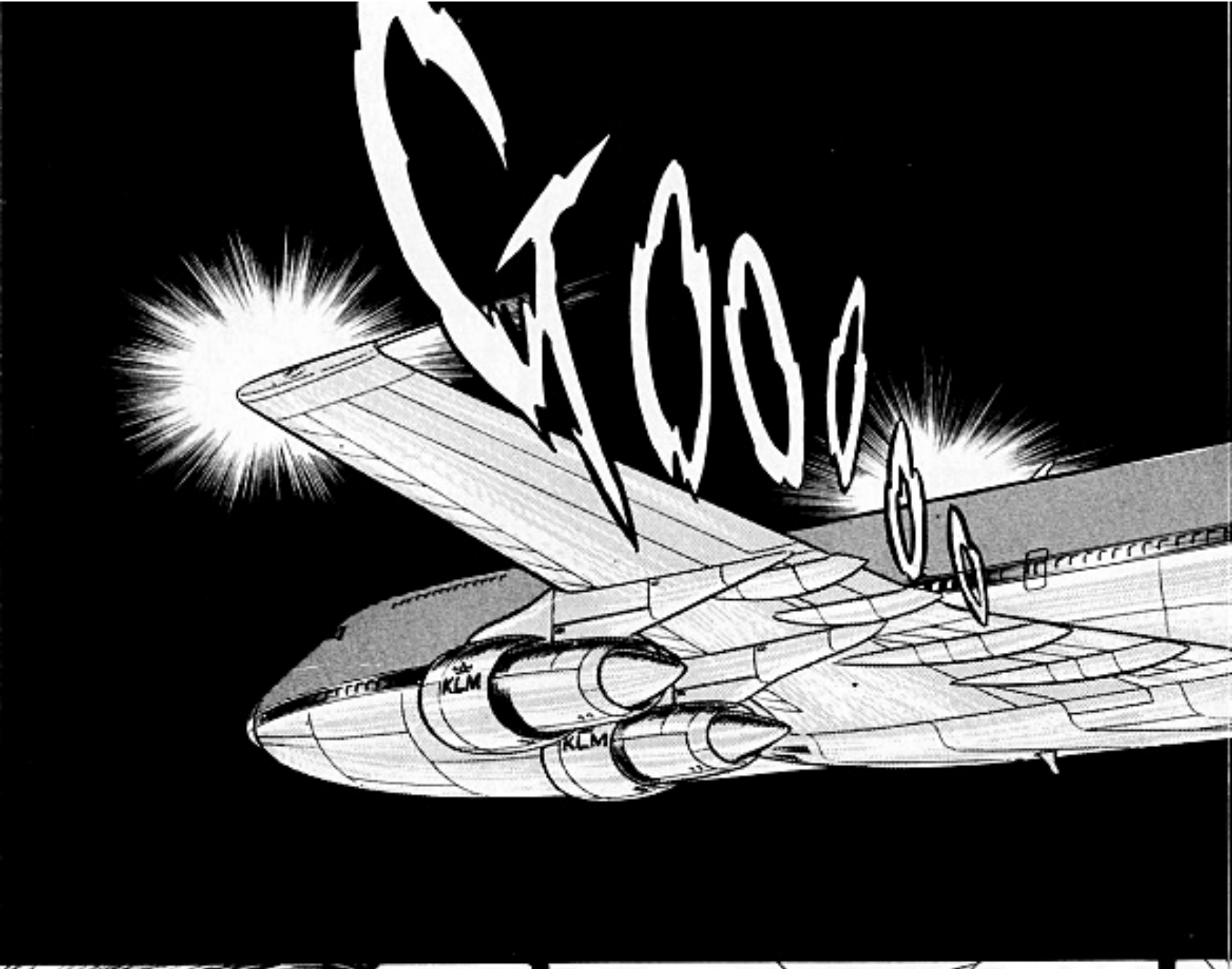
HER NAME IS MARIKO ROSEBANK. SHE IS TWENTY-SIX YEARS OLD.
PLEASE. THE DOCUMENTS.
AND SUCH ELEGANT BLACK HAIR.
NICE PROPOR-TIONS.
SHE'S QUITE A LOOKER.
FROM HER NAME I'D GUESS SHE'S SECOND-GENERATION JAPANESE.
AN ASIAN.
I MEAN... LOW RISK MISSION VETERAN?
SO SHE'S AN EASY-MISSION ...
EVEN FOR CAT, THERE'S NO SURPLUS OF FEMALE COMMANDERS, AND YET SHE IS ONE.
SHE HAS A 90% SUCCESS RATE ON MISSIONS.
AHEM.

IN THE PAST THREE YEARS,
SHE HAS CARRIED OUT MISSIONS IN ANGOLA, SOUTH AMERICA, BOLIVIA, NICARAGUA, BANGLADESH, AND IRAN.
ALMOST THE ENTIRETY OF HER EXPERIENCE IS FROM THE WORLD'S POWDER KEGS.
HER HIGHLY EXPERIENCED TROOPS AFFECTIONATELY CALL HER, "MARIE, THE ROSE".

I BELIEVE THEY ARE THE TEAM BEST SUITED FOR THE JOB.
WHAT WE NEED IS PROTECTION!!
PROTECTION FROM TERRORISTS FOR THE PRESIDENT AND THE CONGRESS.
OF COURSE.
CAN THEY PROVIDE IT?
I GET IT... SHE'S AN ENCHANTING BEAUTY WITH A HELL OF A COMBAT RECORD AND A ROMANTIC NAME TO BOOT.
BUT WE ARE NOT LOOKING FOR THE HEROINE OF A NOVEL OR COMIC BOOK!!
HAHAHA MARIE THE ROSE.
THAT'S JUST THE KIND OF NAME ROWDY TROOPS WOULD THINK UP.
WELL, IT OBVIOUSLY ORIGINATED FROM HER NAME, "ROSEBANK".

HELGA!!
WOULD YOU GET THAT?
WRONG NUMBER. DIAL AGAIN.
HMPH.
WHAT WAS THAT JUST NOW!?


THERE MUST BE A LOVER OR TWO SOMEWHERE.
I DON'T GET IT. SHE'S SO PRETTY AND SWEET AND SEXY.
SHE DOESN'T HAVE ONE OF THOSE.
THAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN THE COMMANDER'S LOVER.
AH...
DO YOU REALLY THINK A WOMAN WITH A LOVER WOULD KEEP A PHOTO OF HER DEAD HUSBAND AND CHILD BY THE SIDE OF HER BED?
WHO IS IT?
WRONG NUM...!!
OH, EXCUSE ME.
THE COLONEL. HE'S ASKING FOR YOU, MARIE.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BUT WHEN GOVERNMENTS ARE IN TURMOIL, IT PROVIDES THE PERFECT OPPORTUNITY FOR HIM TO STRIKE.

THESE LAST FOUR YEARS, THEY'VE BEEN SLOWING DOWN THE PROCESS OF EUROPEAN UNIFICATION. EVEN *NATO* COULD BE IN TROUBLE.
FIRST KÖLN AND NOW DALELAND... EUROPE IS A BECOMING A REGULAR HOT-BED.

KLM
HER SPECIALTY IS DETECTING POISON AFTER ALL.
HAHAHA... OF ALL OF US, LIN IS THE PICKIEST WHEN IT COMES TO FLAVOR.
HMM... THE CHEF IS STILL MUCH TOO YOUNG.
THE VEGETABLE SIDE DISHES ...
THE STEAK'S DELICIOUS. THE SAUCE, NOT SO MUCH
AH... THE PUDDING ISN'T THE RIGHT TEMPERATURE.
SHUT UP WHILE YOU EAT!

"HIM" ...
YOU MEAN, GRYPHON.
THE MAN WHO TOOK EVERYTHING FROM ME... FOUR YEARS AGO.
YEAH.
THE MAN WHO BRANDED ME WITH A ROSE ...
MARIE ...
DOCTOR! WE'RE NOT... GETTING A READ ON HER BLOOD PRES-SURE.
A-TYPE !! STAT !!

ONLY ONE IN TEN WOULD HAVE SURVIVED. IT'S A MIRACLE.
THE BOMBING INCIDENT AT SYDNEY AIRPORT RESULTED IN A HUGE NUMBER OF CASUALTIES...
OVER EIGHTY ARE CONFIRMED DEAD...
AUTHORITIES EXPECT THE DEATH TOLL TO RISE...
MY SON ...
TIMMY. WHAT ABOUT TIMMY?
MY HUSBAND ... UMM ...

IN BUT AN INSTANT, OVER THREE HUNDRED SOULS WERE ENGULFED IN THE EXPLOSION...
THE BOMBING OCCURRED IN THE 3RD LOBBY, WHICH WAS FULL OF INTERNATIONAL PASSENGERS AND THEIR RESPECTIVE PARTIES...
WHAT HAPPENED TO THEM? ...PLEASE TELL ME...
...MY SON... MY HUSBAND ...
...I AM VERY... SORRY...
.....
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WHAT !?
MADAM !!
OFF
OFF
ON
JUST... LET ME DIE...
20 MILLI-GRAMS OF DUP !!
GET THE HEART SURGEON; CALL DR. KIMBERLY !!
AND THE OXY-GEN!
QUICKLY!! SWITCH IT BACK ON!

PULSE AND BLOOD PRESSURE ... HAVE RE-TURNED.
I DIDN'T EVEN THINK SHE COULD MOVE...
WHAT... RESOLVE.
TO CUT OFF HER OWN LIFE SUPPORT SYSTEM ...
RIGHT.
Y-YEAH.
ANYWAY, DON'T JUST STAND THERE GAWKING!
HELGA ...
YOU'RE SWEATING PROFUSELY IN YOUR SLEEP.
LET'S TURN UP THE AIRCON.
GASP ...

I WAS DREAMING OF A TIME BEFORE ...

DID I... SAY ANY-THING IN MY SLEEP?

WE'LL BE AT SCHIPOHL AIRPORT IN 30 MINUTES.

HOW... MUCH LONGER BEFORE WE GET THERE?

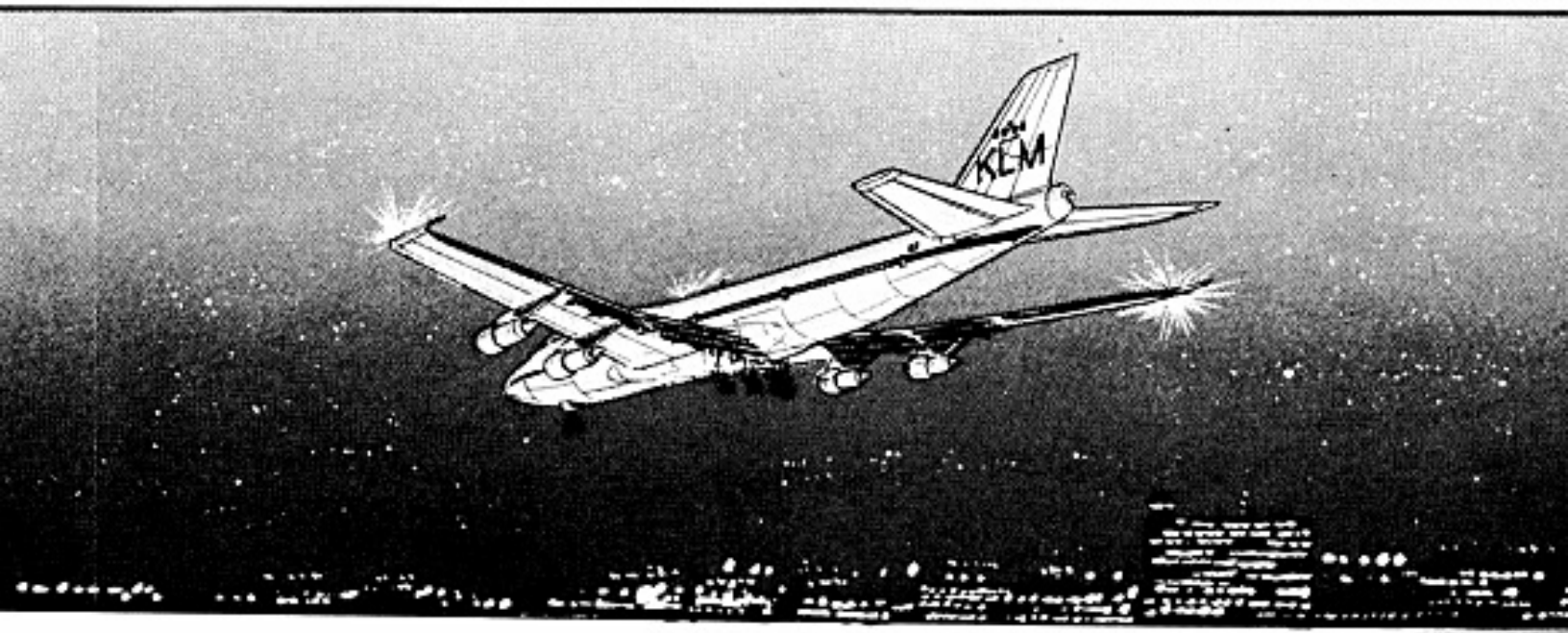
...HM...

WAS IT A NICE DREAM?

NO. YOU WERE SOUND ASLEEP.

WELL, IT PROBABLY WAS... A NICE DREAM.

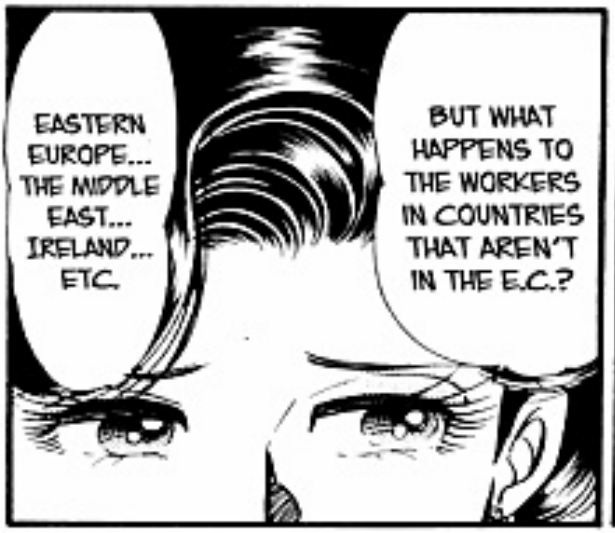
I DOUBT ANY NIGHT-MARE COULD BE WORSE THAN WHAT ACTUALLY HAPPENED ...

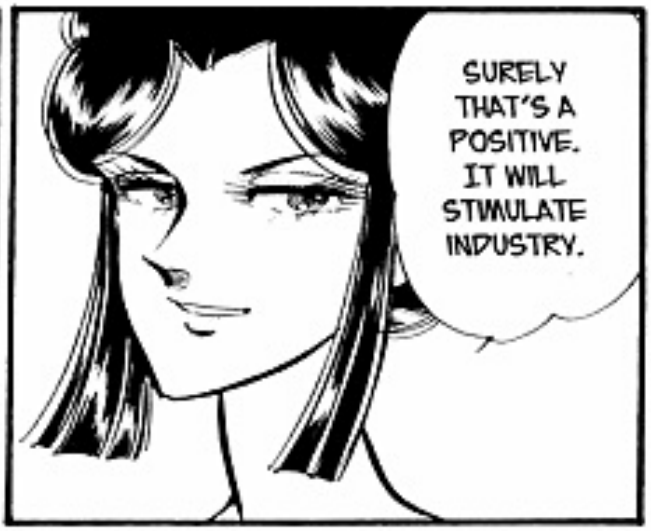


LIN...
I CAN'T REALLY SEE OURSELVES AS GUARDS AT THIS RATE.
NO ONE ELSE DID, APPARENTLY.
I HAD NO IDEA THIS OPERATION CALLED FOR FORMALWEAR.
HERE... A GIFT.
HAHA... THANKS. YOURS IS CUTE AS WELL.
THAT DRESS REALLY SUITS YOU.
OH, RIGHT. I HAVEN'T FOUND ANYTHING UNUSUAL HERE.
Y-YEAH...
THAT WE'RE LADIES WHO ARE ALWAYS READY TO SQUEEZE THE TRIGGER.
HOPEFULLY, ANYONE WHO SEES THOSE WILL BE NONE THE WISER...
PUT THOSE ARTIFICIAL NAILS ON.
HUH?

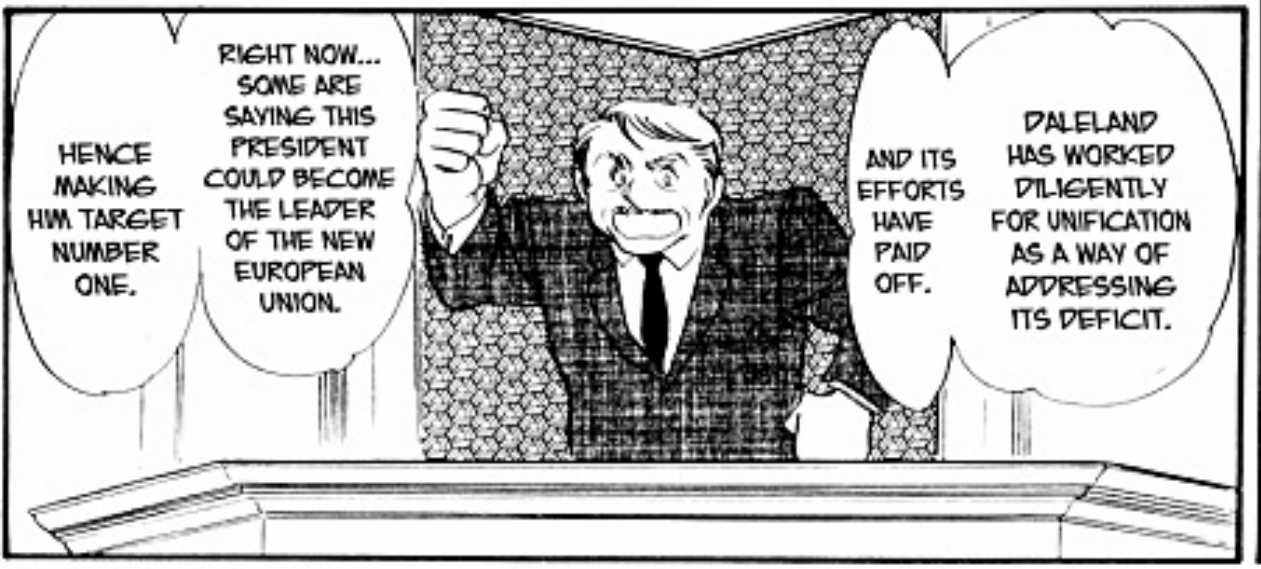
I REALLY HOPE OUR INTELLI-GENCE IS WRONG.
THIS IS A DIFFICULT SITUATION.
ACCORDING TO CAT'S INVESTIGATIONS, THERE IS A 72% CHANCE THAT AN ATTEMPT WILL TAKE PLACE HERE...
YOU MEAN HIM?
MOST LIKELY.
DURING THE INVESTITURE FOLLOWING THE GENERAL ELECTION ...
WHERE THE ROYAL FAMILY WILL FORMALLY APPOINT THE PRESIDENT.
AN OLD GUY WITH A LOT OF ENEMIES ?
HE'S A SKILLED POLITICIAN,
FIRM IN HIS POLICIES,
AND HE'S POPULAR WITH THE PEOPLE.
THEN... WHY ARE TERRORISTS AFTER HIM?

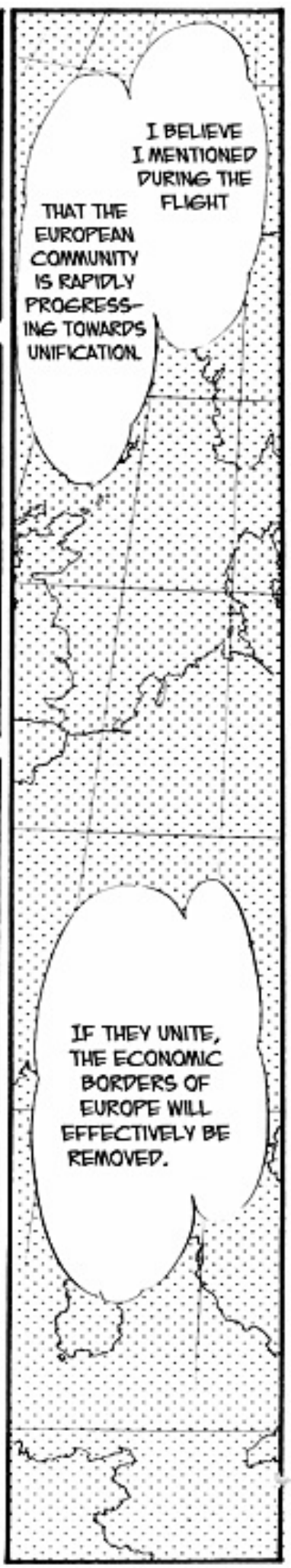
A WORK VISA WILL NO LONGER BE REQUIRED.
WILL BE ABLE WORK IN ANY OTHER MEMBER STATE.
SPECIFICALLY, ANYONE WHO IS FROM A MEMBER STATE


EASTERN EUROPE... THE MIDDLE EAST... IRELAND... ETC.
BUT WHAT HAPPENS TO THE WORKERS IN COUNTRIES THAT AREN'T IN THE E.C.?

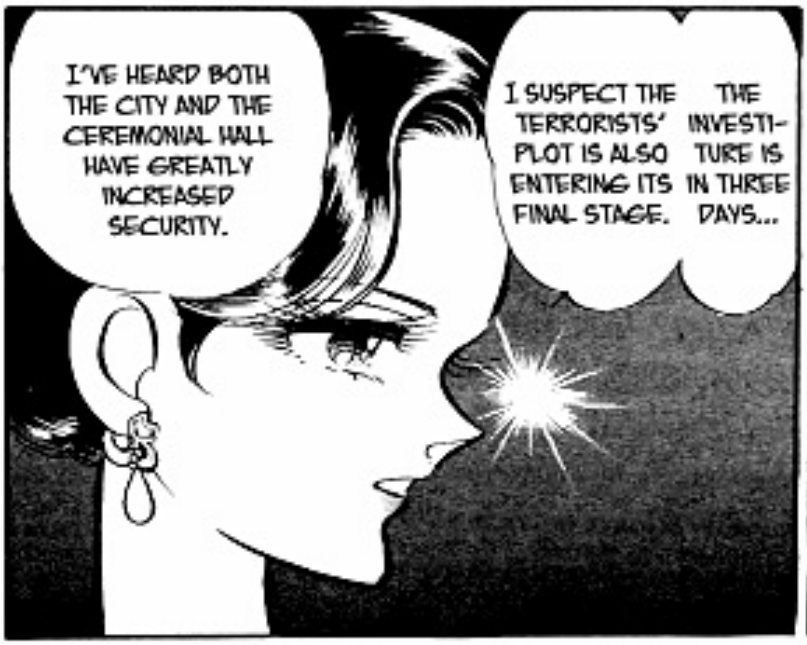

SURELY THAT'S A POSITIVE. IT WILL STIMULATE INDUSTRY.

LAYS THE FOUNDATION FOR TERRORISM.
AN OP-PRESSED MINORITY SEEKING FREEDOM ...
IN FACT... IT WILL MEAN LABORERS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES ARE SHUT OUT.


HENCE MAKING HIM TARGET NUMBER ONE.
RIGHT NOW... SOME ARE SAYING THIS PRESIDENT COULD BECOME THE LEADER OF THE NEW EUROPEAN UNION.
AND ITS EFFORTS HAVE PAID OFF.
DALELAND HAS WORKED DILIGENTLY FOR UNIFICATION AS A WAY OF ADDRESSING ITS DEFICIT.


I BELIEVE I MENTIONED DURING THE FLIGHT
THAT THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY IS RAPIDLY PROGRESS-ING TOWARDS UNIFICATION.
IF THEY UNITE, THE ECONOMIC BORDERS OF EUROPE WILL EFFECTIVELY BE REMOVED.

IT SEEMS CERTAIN THEY WILL CARRY OUT THE WICKED DEED ON THIS DAZZLING STAGE.


I'VE HEARD BOTH THE CITY AND THE CEREMONIAL HALL HAVE GREATLY INCREASED SECURITY.
I SUSPECT THE TERRORISTS' PLOT IS ALSO ENTERING ITS FINAL STAGE.
THE INVESTITURE IS IN THREE DAYS...

OKAY.
IRENE AND UNIT B HAVE ARRIVED AT THE MILITARY AIRFIELD.
IT'S ALMOST TIME.

WE COULDN'T ASK FOR ANYTHING BETTER.
NOTHING HAPPENED IT APPEARS ...

THE PARTY IS OVER.

THE PRESIDENT IS LEAVING ... LET'S GO.
!!

WHOA !!
MR. PRESI -DENT !!

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キャーあああああっ…
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わーあああっ
わーあああっ
MARIE!
HANG ON!!
SOMEONE CALL AN AMBU-LANCE!! HURRY !!

MARIEEE!!
UGH...
MARIE!
きゃ
HELGA!!
HOW'S THE COMMANDER?
HEY!!
ああ
IS SHE OKAY!?
うわ…あ
CALM DOWN!!
FOR NOW, ESCORT THE PRESIDENT TO HIS CAR!!
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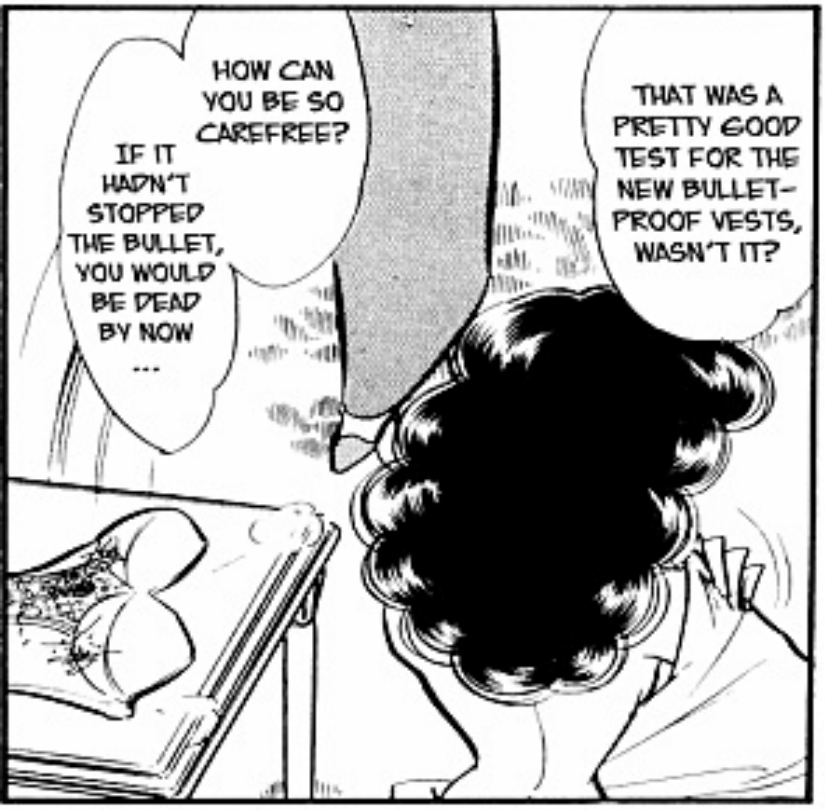
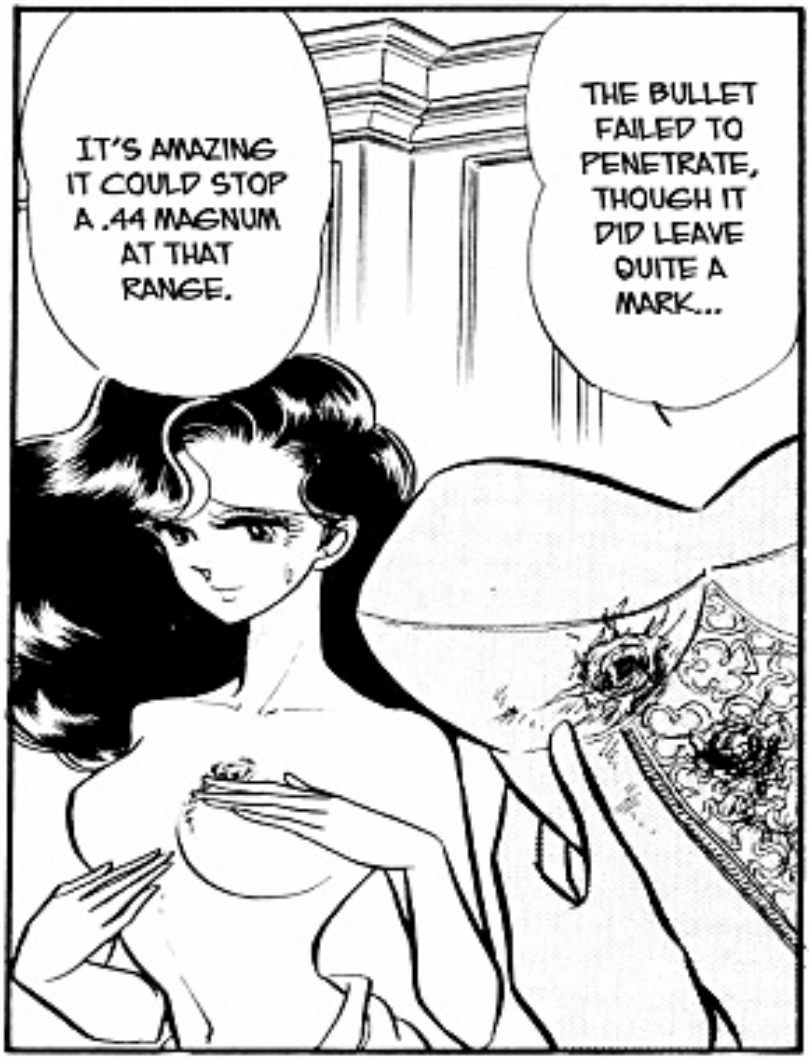
キャー
あぁぁ…!?

OW...
OW...


HOW CAN YOU BE SO CAREFREE?
IF IT HADN'T STOPPED THE BULLET, YOU WOULD BE DEAD BY NOW ...
THAT WAS A PRETTY GOOD TEST FOR THE NEW BULLET-PROOF VESTS, WASN'T IT?


IT'S AMAZING IT COULD STOP A .44 MAGNUM AT THAT RANGE.
THE BULLET FAILED TO PENETRATE, THOUGH IT DID LEAVE QUITE A MARK...

EVEN IF THE BULLET HAD GONE THROUGH, IT DEFINITELY WOULDN'T HAVE MADE IT TO THE PRESIDENT.
BUT... THERE WASN'T REALLY ANY OTHER CHOICE...

LIN BAWLED HER EYES OUT...

COM-
MANDER
!!
IT WOULD BE A HORRIBLE WASTE TO TRADE YOUR LIFE FOR THAT OLD GEEZER'S.
STOP IT!
HEY!!
THIS IS EMBARRAS -SING. SHEESH.
AH... UM, JUST A MINUTE.
DID IT STOP THE BULLET? WHERE DID IT HIT YOU?
ICK... I GUESS IT MUST HURT.
SHOW ME... OH, OF COURSE IT'S TURNING BLUE.
YOU LOOK GREAT.
KYA...
OPERATION BOOMERANG !?

THAT'S THE FIRST I'VE HEARD OF IT!!
A COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO, THEY CAPTURED AN OPERATIVE CONNECTED TO THE TERRORIST ORGANIZATION AND MANAGED TO GET THE NAME OF THE OPERATION OUT OF HIM.
THAT'S WHAT SOME OF THE GUYS IN THE SPECIAL FORCES WERE SAYING.
I BET THAT'S WHY THEY THINK ALL WE'RE GOOD FOR IS GUARD DUTY...
THEY MUST TAKE US FOR IDIOTS BECAUSE WE'RE WOMEN!!
"SPECIAL FORCES" MY ASS; THEY HAVE NEVER EXPERIENCED SO MUCH AS A MINUTE OF COMBAT...
I DON'T SUPPOSE YOU INTEND TO FORCE YOUR WAY INTO OPERATIONAL HEADQUARTERS?
ROGER.
DELILAH, COULD YOU GET THE CAR READY?
I HEAR THE CITY LIGHTS HERE ARE A SIGHT TO BEHOLD AT NIGHT...
NO...

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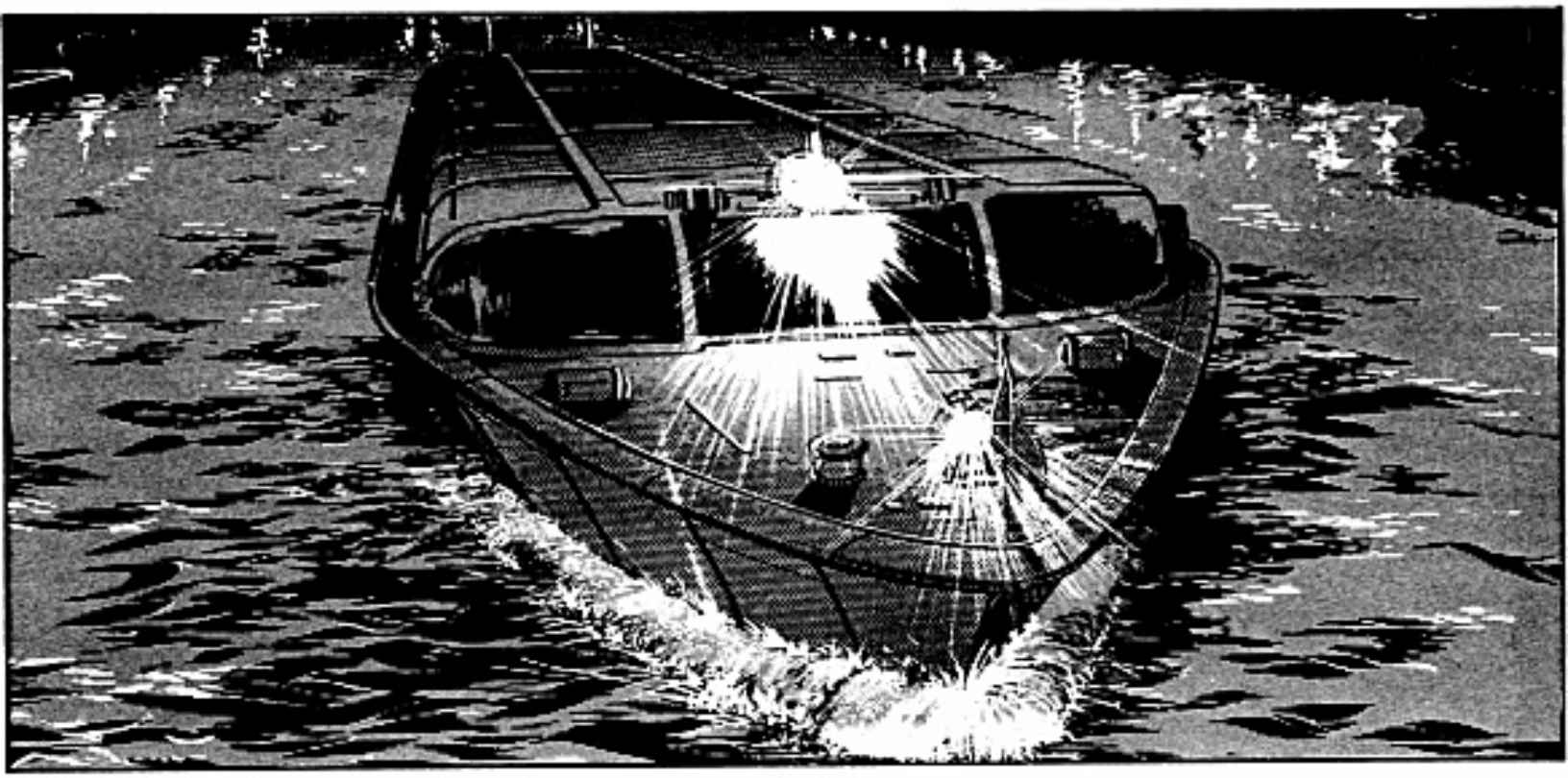
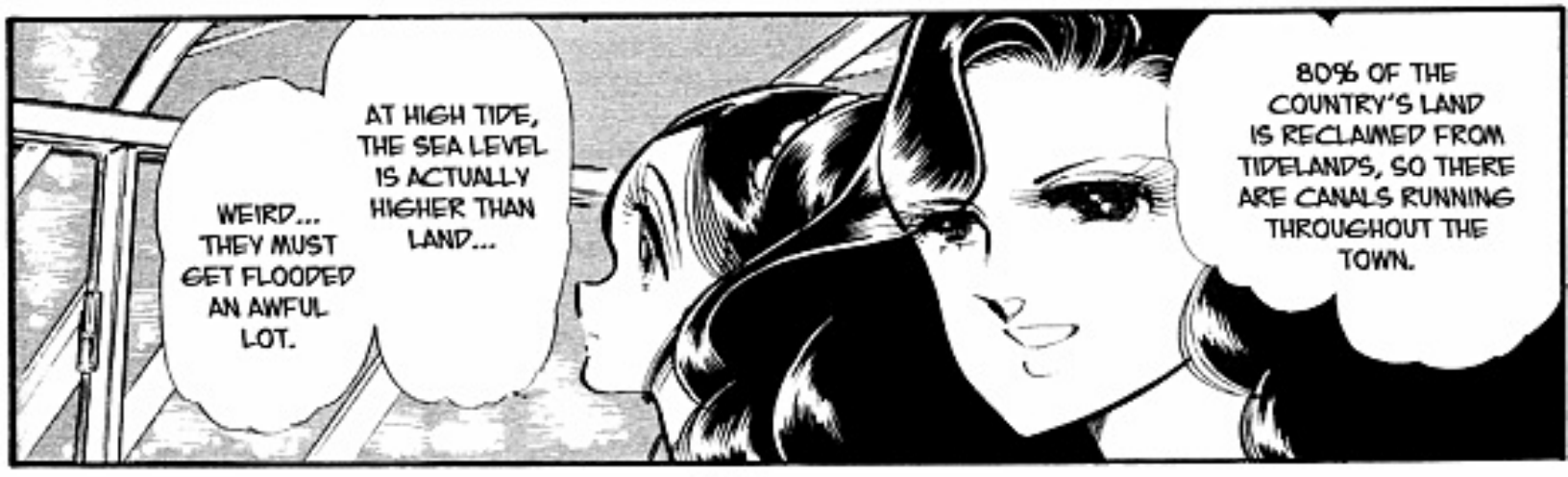
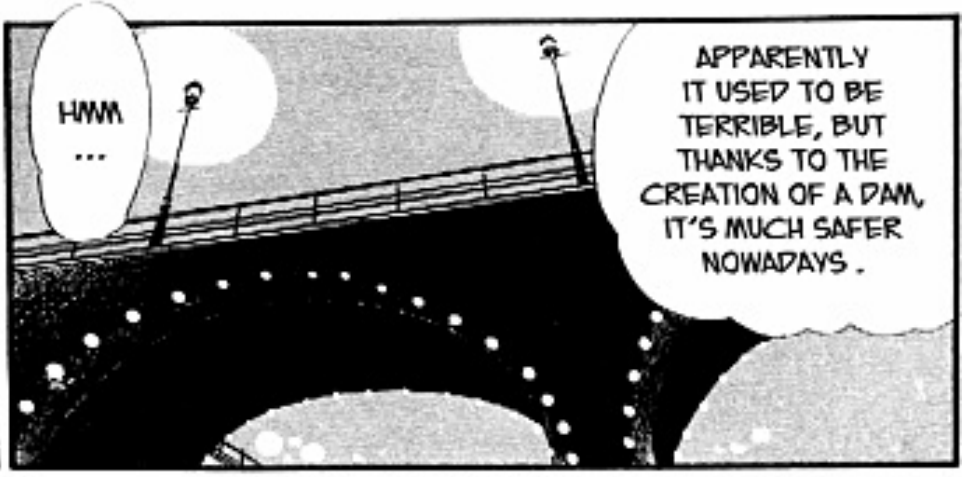
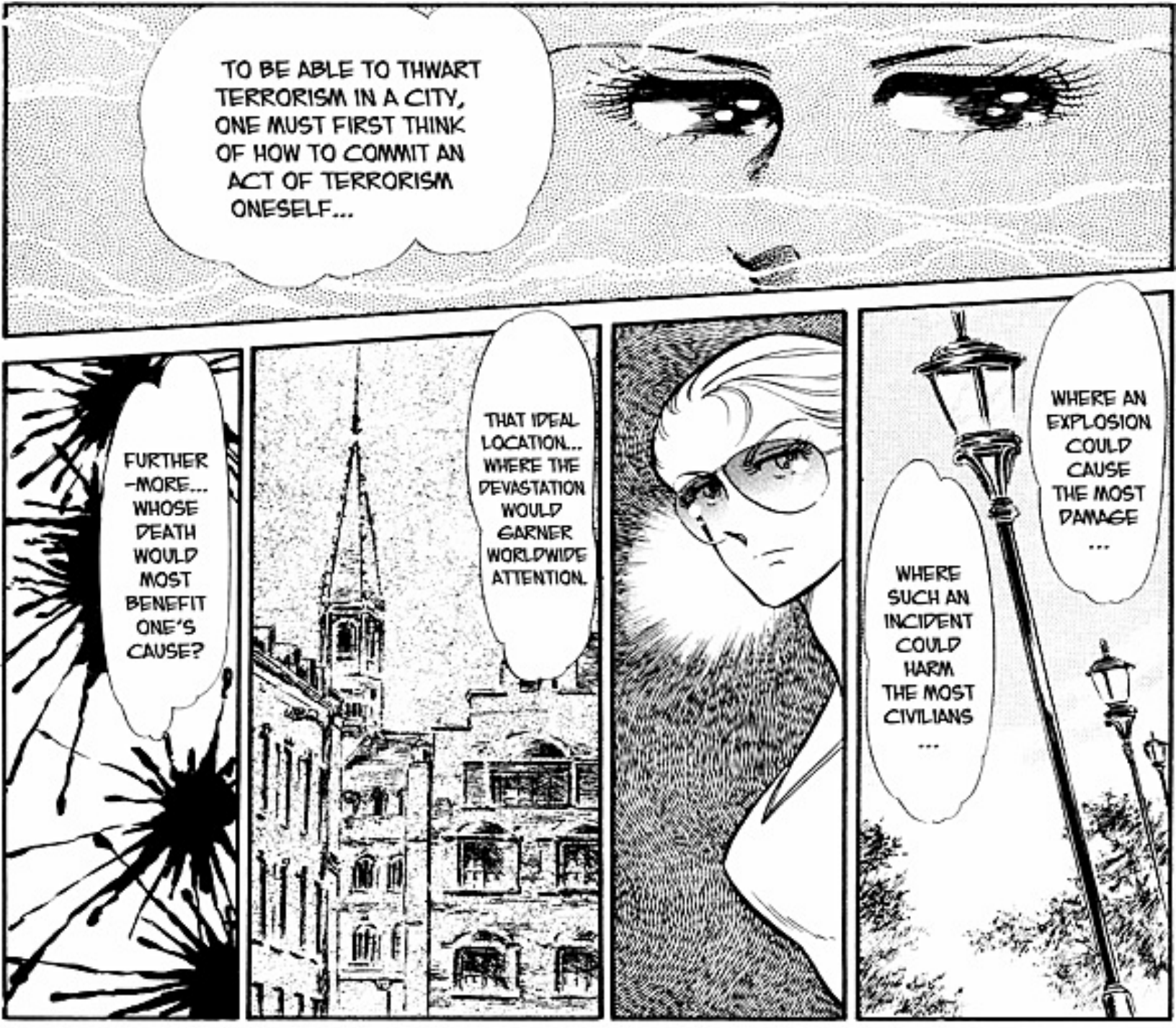
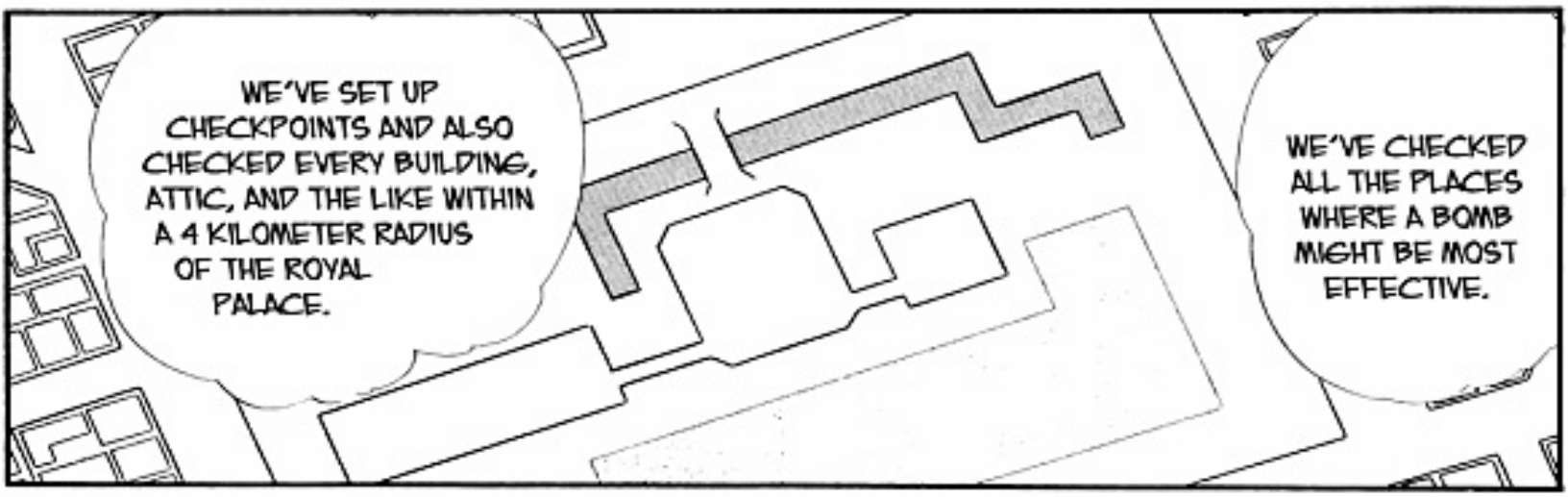



80% OF THE COUNTRY'S LAND IS RECLAIMED FROM TIDELANDS, SO THERE ARE CANALS RUNNING THROUGHOUT THE TOWN.
AT HIGH TIDE, THE SEA LEVEL IS ACTUALLY HIGHER THAN LAND...
WEIRD... THEY MUST GET FLOODED AN AWFUL LOT.

MARIE... TELL US THE REAL REASON WHY WE'RE HERE. IT ISN'T JUST TO SIGHTSEE, IS IT?


HMM ...
APPARENTLY IT USED TO BE TERRIBLE, BUT THANKS TO THE CREATION OF A DAM, IT'S MUCH SAFER NOWADAYS.


TO BE ABLE TO THWART TERRORISM IN A CITY, ONE MUST FIRST THINK OF HOW TO COMMIT AN ACT OF TERRORISM ONESELF...
FURTHER-MORE... WHOSE DEATH WOULD MOST BENEFIT ONE'S CAUSE?
THAT IDEAL LOCATION... WHERE THE DEVASTATION WOULD GARNER WORLDWIDE ATTENTION.
WHERE AN EXPLOSION COULD CAUSE THE MOST DAMAGE ...
WHERE SUCH AN INCIDENT COULD HARM THE MOST CIVILIANS ...


WE'VE SET UP CHECKPOINTS AND ALSO CHECKED EVERY BUILDING, ATTIC, AND THE LIKE WITHIN A 4 KILOMETER RADIUS OF THE ROYAL PALACE.
WE'VE CHECKED ALL THE PLACES WHERE A BOMB MIGHT BE MOST EFFECTIVE.

THEN WHAT ABOUT THE SHOOTING AT THE PARTY?
DALELAND'S POLICE FORCE IS FULLY PREPARED.
...BOOMERANG...
I REALLY ADMIRE THE WORK YOU HAVE DONE. NO WONDER YOU CAN COMMAND SUCH A GENEROUS FEE... AT ANY RATE, WE ARE FULLY PREPARED.
YOU ARE USING WOMEN AS SHIELD.
KCH...
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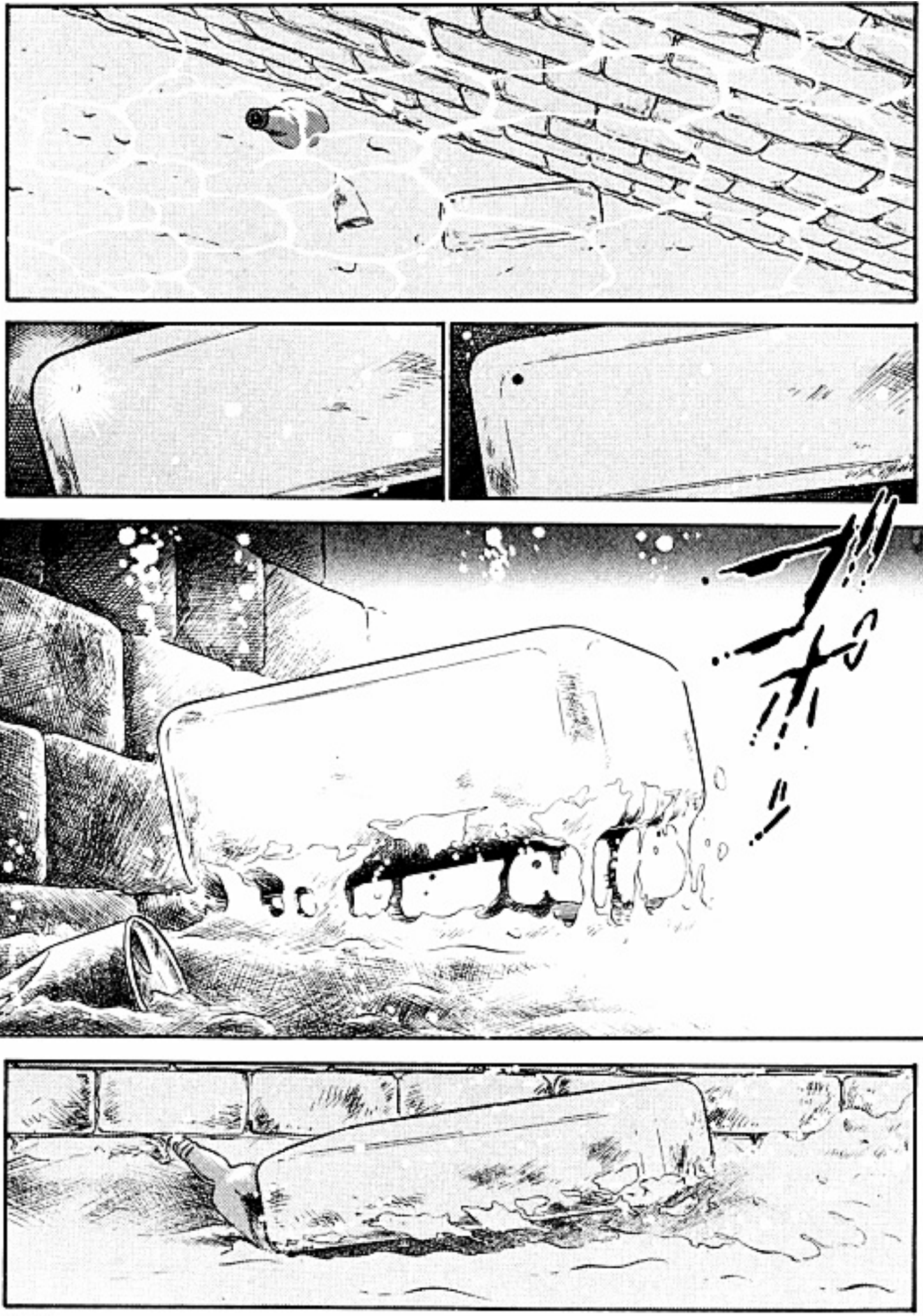
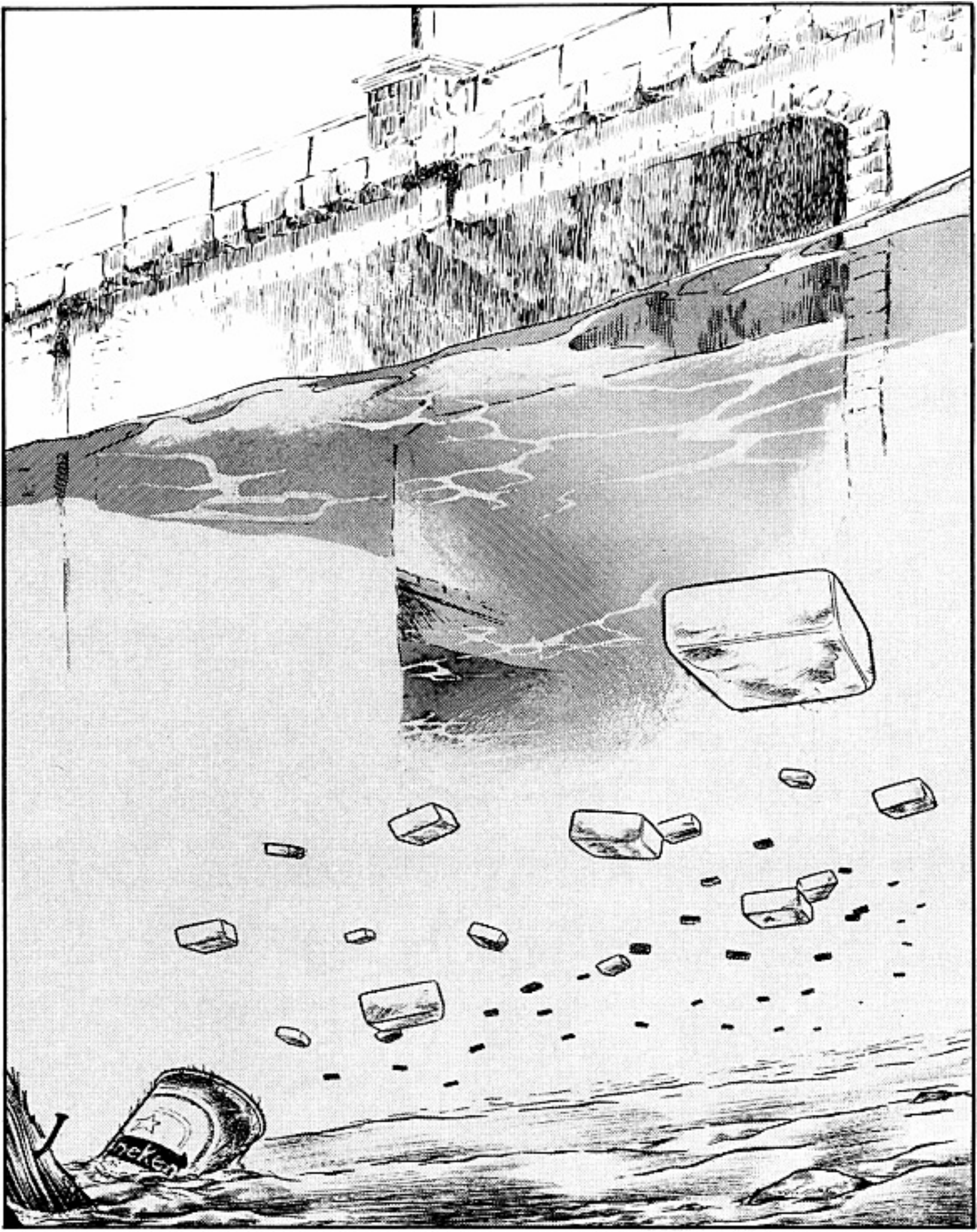
IF YOU HAVE A COMPLAINT, YOU CAN TAKE IT UP WITH YOUR AGENT AT CAT.
WE ARE NOT THE ONES WHO REQUESTED WOMEN.





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I WONDER IF THE NAME BOOMERANG IS SIGNIFICANT.
砂の薔薇
デザートローズ
COMMANDER ...
MARIE...

砂の薔薇

デザート・ローズ

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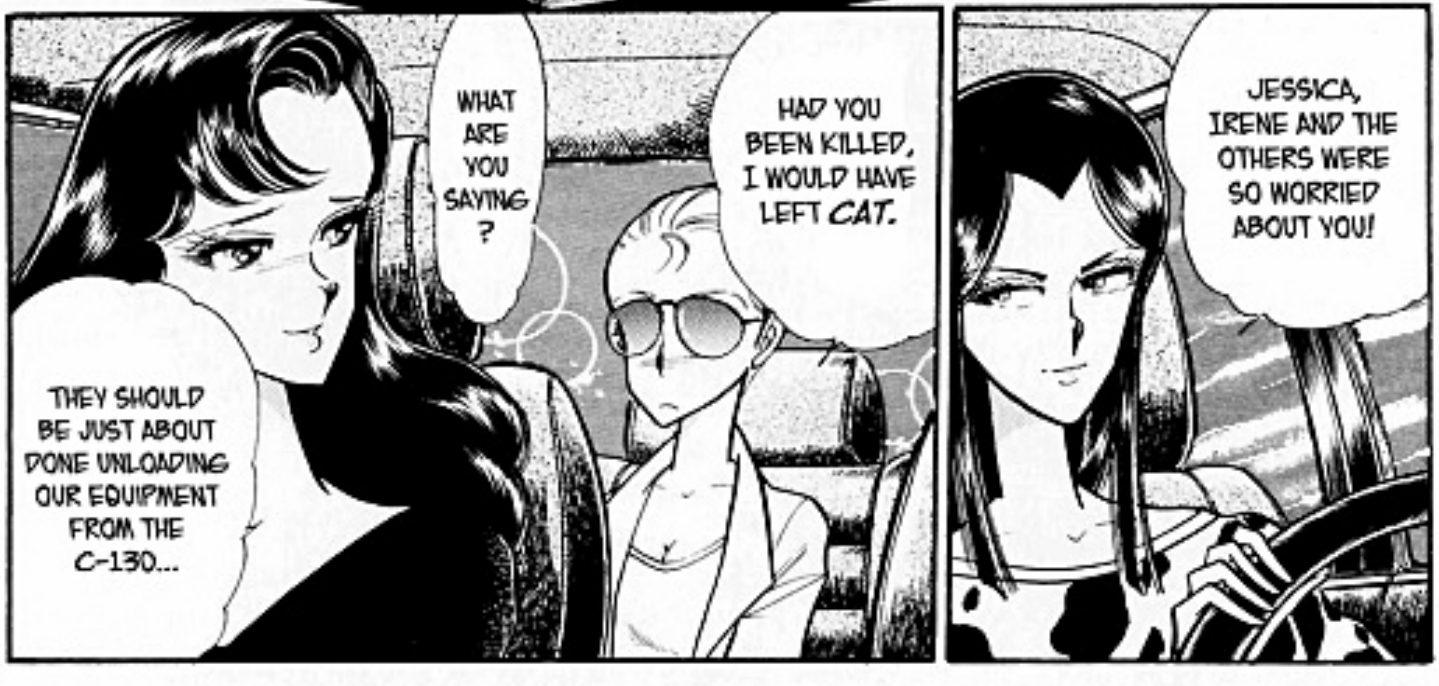
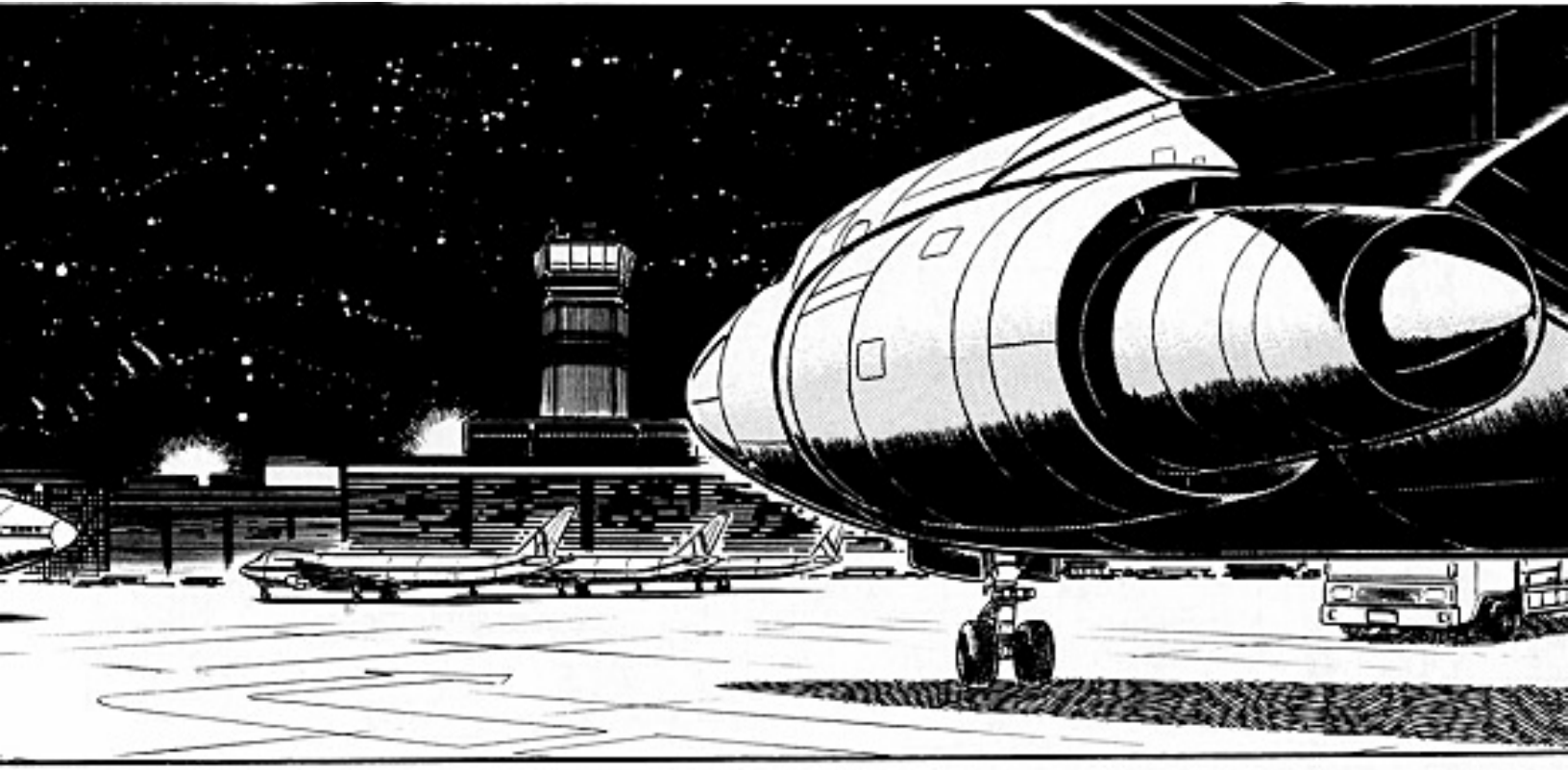
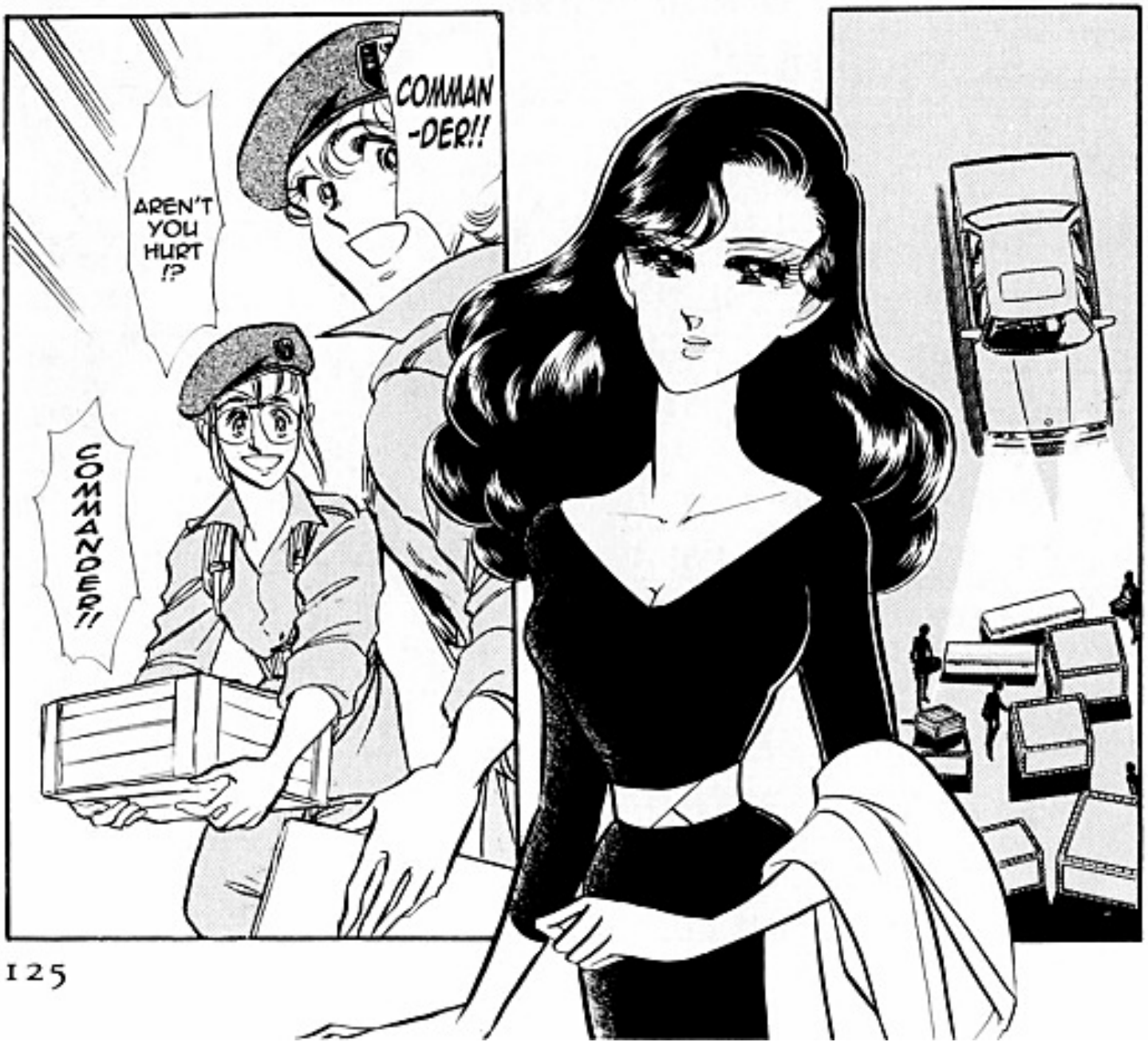

THEY SHOULD BE JUST ABOUT DONE UNLOADING OUR EQUIPMENT FROM THE C-130...
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING ?
HAD YOU BEEN KILLED, I WOULD HAVE LEFT CAT.
JESSICA, IRENE AND THE OTHERS WERE SO WORRIED ABOUT YOU!

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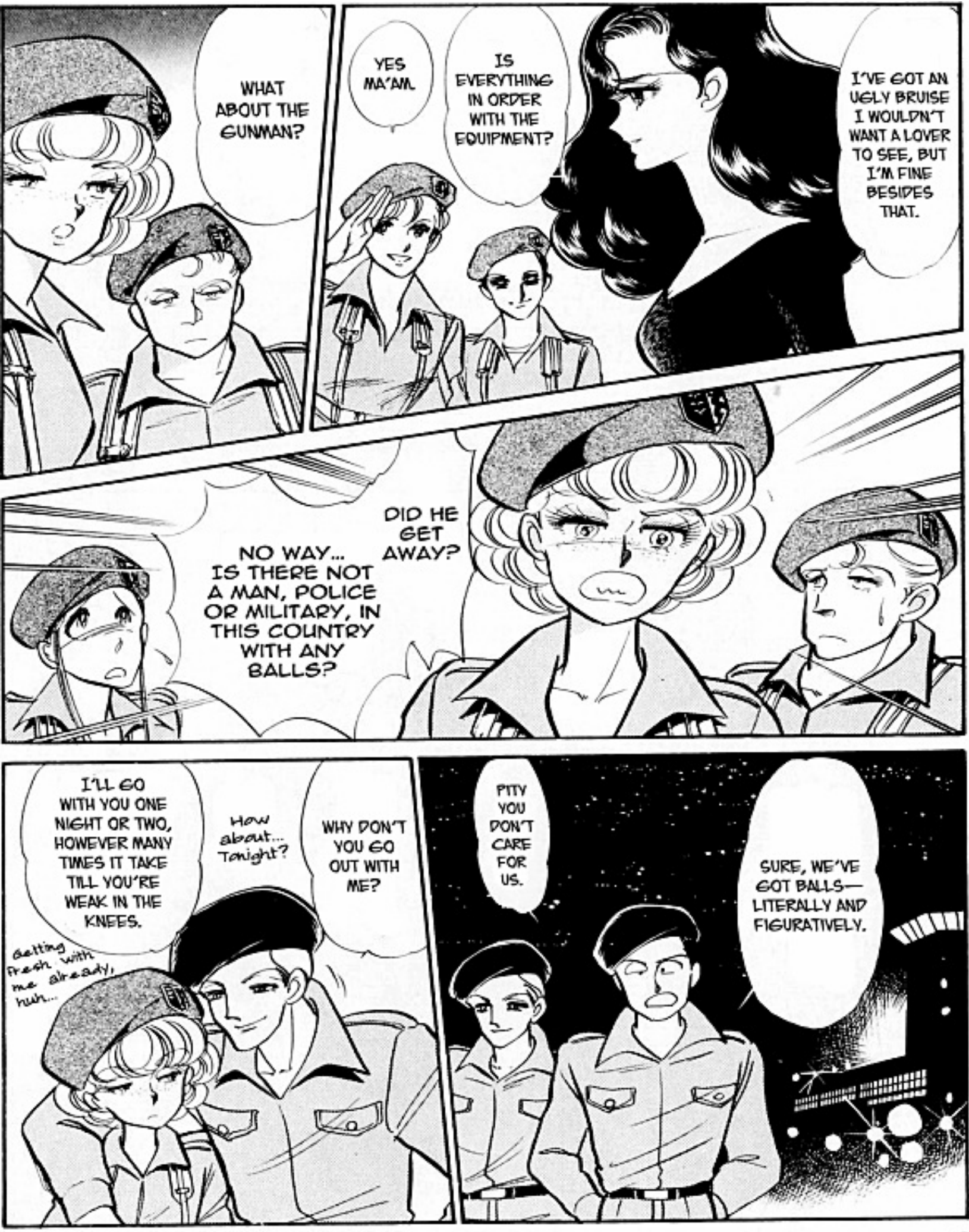

WHAT ABOUT THE GUNMAN?
YES MA'AM.
IS EVERYTHING IN ORDER WITH THE EQUIPMENT?
I'VE GOT AN UGLY BRUISE I WOULDN'T WANT A LOVER TO SEE, BUT I'M FINE BESIDES THAT.
DID HE GET AWAY?
NO WAY... IS THERE NOT A MAN, POLICE OR MILITARY, IN THIS COUNTRY WITH ANY BALLS?
I'LL GO WITH YOU ONE NIGHT OR TWO, HOWEVER MANY TIMES IT TAKE TILL YOU'RE WEAK IN THE KNEES.
How about... Tonight?
WHY DON'T YOU GO OUT WITH ME?
Getting fresh with me already, huh...
PITY YOU DON'T CARE FOR US.
SURE, WE'VE GOT BALLS— LITERALLY AND FIGURATIVELY.

I'M SUB-LIEUTENANT HEINZ OF THE 3RD CORPS SPECIAL FORCES, COMPANY ONE.
THAT GUY IS SUB-LIEUTENANT MÜLLER.
YOU'RE TEN YEARS TOO EARLY TO BE HITTING ON ME, PUNK!!
DON'T TALK TO ME, MORON!
OW!

THIS IS OUR SECOND-IN-COMMAND, HELGA MITTELMEIER.
MY NAME IS MARIE ROSEBANK. I AM THE COMMANDER, THOUGH WE HAVE NO MILITARY RANK.
WE ARE THE CAT OVERSEAS FORCE.

DELILAH!
OH WELL... JUST STAY OUT OF THE WAY AND WE'LL BE FINE.
OUR SUPPORT IS A SQUIB FRESH OUT OF THE MILITARY ACADEMY...

ORDER FROM HEADQUARTERS IS THAT THIS IS A JOINT OPERATION. I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU.

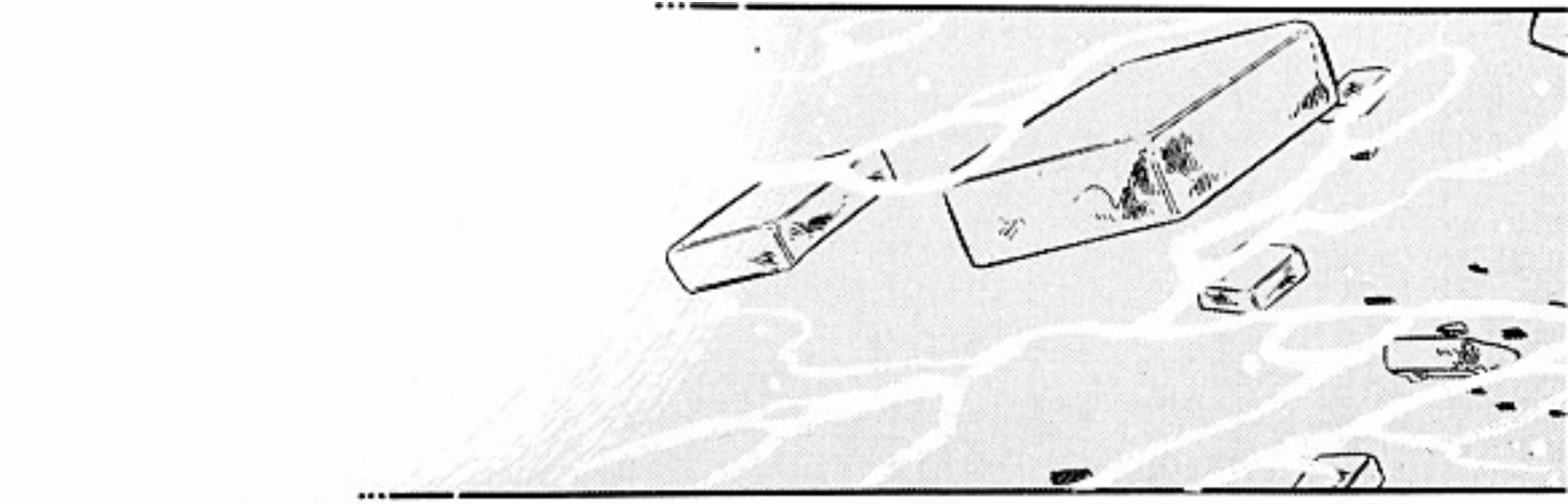
PLEASE EXPRESS OUR GRATITUDE FOR YOUR HELP TO YOUR COMMANDER AT HEAD-QUARTERS.

CHOP-CHOP. LET'S GET THE EQUIPMENT CARRIED BACK TO BASE.
BABYSITTING WOMEN IS HARDLY A JOB FOR SPECIAL FORCES... I COULD CRY.
IT BEATS SITTING IN SOLITARY.
THAT COMMANDER-CHICK, MARIE, SEEMS LIKE A NICE GIRL.
SHE'S OLDER THAN YOU.
I'VE NEVER DONE IT WITH AN ASIAN GIRL BEFORE.
ASIAN GIRLS HAVE SILKY SKIN.
THEY SAY THEY'RE REALLY TIGHT, AND THEIR VOICE WHEN THEY CLIMAX...
CUT IT OUT. IT'S THAT KIND OF TALK THAT GETS YOU THE SHORT END OF THE STICK...
SUB-LIEU -TENANT!!

I'D LIKE YOU TO GATHER SOME THINGS.
I NEED A MAP OF THE AREA AROUND 10KM OF THE ROYAL PALACE AT 1:50,000 SCALE, AND A 1:6,000 MAP OF THE CITY.
I'LL ALSO BE NEEDING EVERY SCRAP OF DATA ON THE BOOMERANG OPERATION THAT YOU ACQUIRED FROM THE TERRORIST OPERATIVE,
AS WELL AS THE PASSWORDS GIVING ME FULL ACCESS TO THE COMPUTER'S SECURITY SYSTEM.
I CAN GET THE MAPS RIGHT AWAY,
BUT THE OTHER TWO ARE TOP SECRET, SO...
LOOK, LET'S GET SOMETHING STRAIGHT HERE. WE ARE NOT MILITARY SPIES, NOR ARE WE SOME BACKPACKING TOURISTS.
OUR JOB IS TO FIGHT TERRORISM.

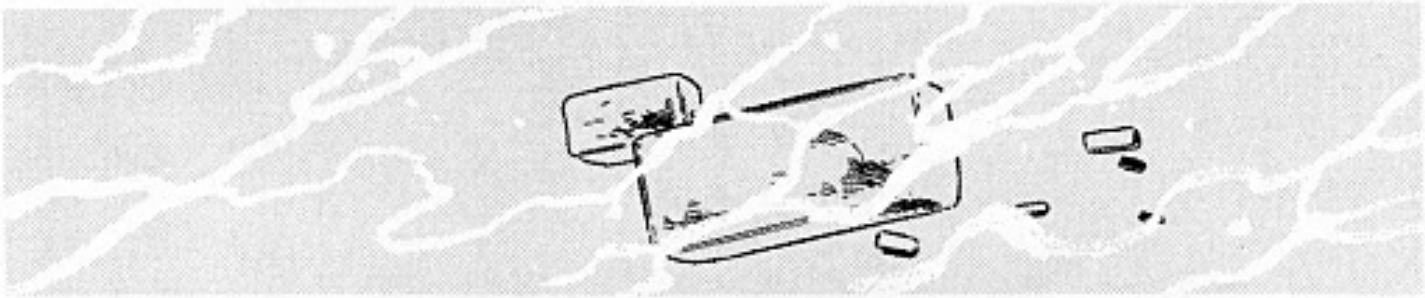
BUT, SEE...
NOW GO GET THOSE STUFF!
AND WE ARE MOST CERTAINLY NOT YOUR TRENDY ESCORTS.
BUT MARIE... THESE GUYS...
HELGA!!
WHY YOU ...
IT'S ME WHO WAS MISTAKEN.
WITHOUT THEM, HOW DO YOU EXPECT US TO DO OUR JOB...?
WELL... YOU CAN PUT IT THAT WAY...
THEY ARE NOT HERE FOR SUPPORT.
THEY ARE HERE FOR SURVEILLANCE.

WE ARE THE ELITE OF THE ELITE.
THE SPECIAL FORCES OF DALELAND TRAINED WITH GERMANY'S G9 FOR A YEAR. ONLY THE MOST SUPERIOR PERSONNEL CAN JOIN.
WE ARE ALSO TRAINED TO FIGHT TERRORISM.
EVEN THE REGIONAL POLICE ARE PROVIDING OVER TWO THOUSAND ADDITIONAL FORCES.
WE HAVE AS MANY AS THREE HUNDRED ELITE TROOPS PATROLLING THE CITY ROUND THE CLOCK.
I'M BEGINNING TO SEE WHY THE NATO COUNCIL DISPATCHED US...
INDEED ...
THIS IS WORSE THAN I THOUGHT.
THERE IS NOT AN OPENING FOR A TERRORIST TO ENTER.

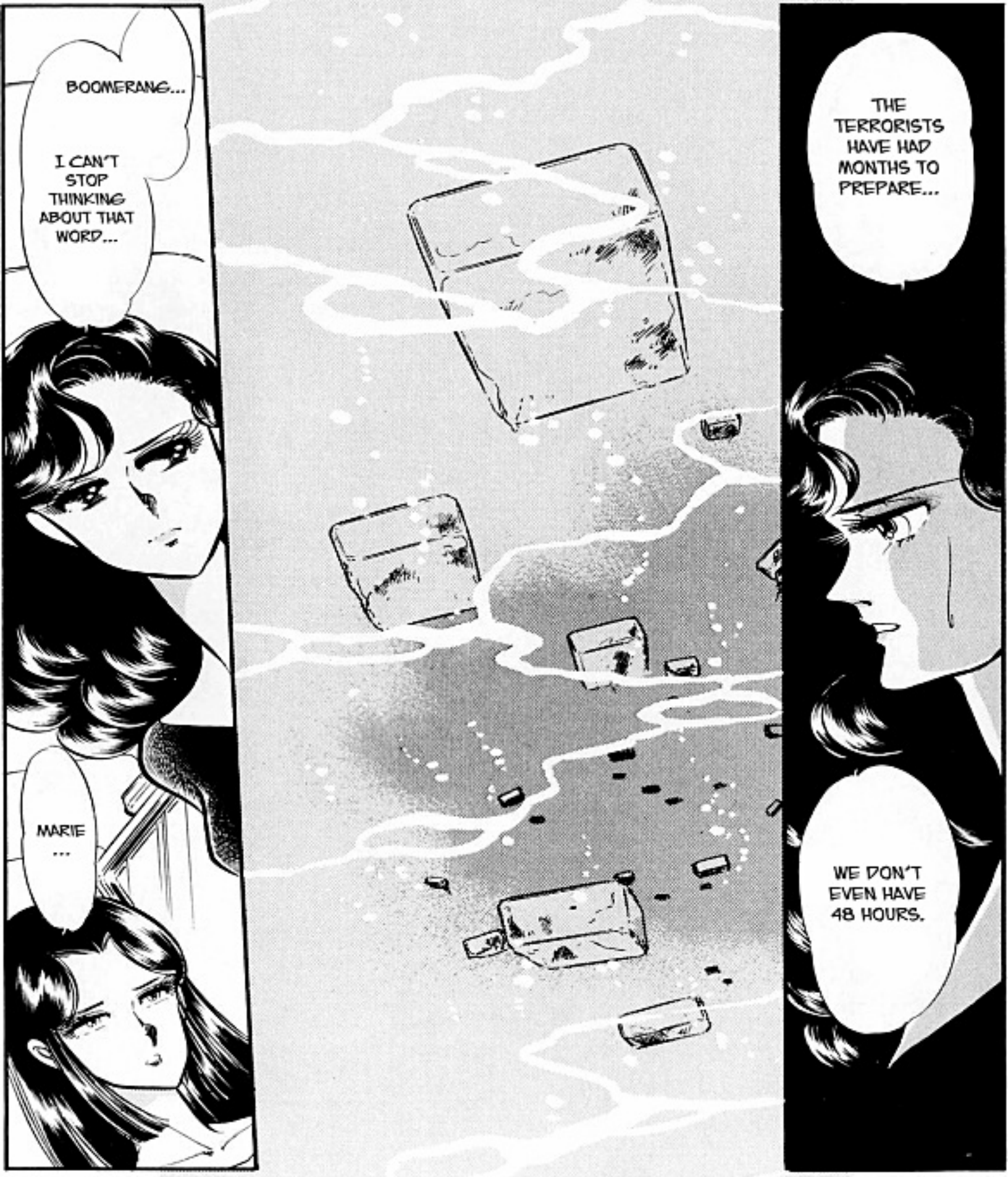


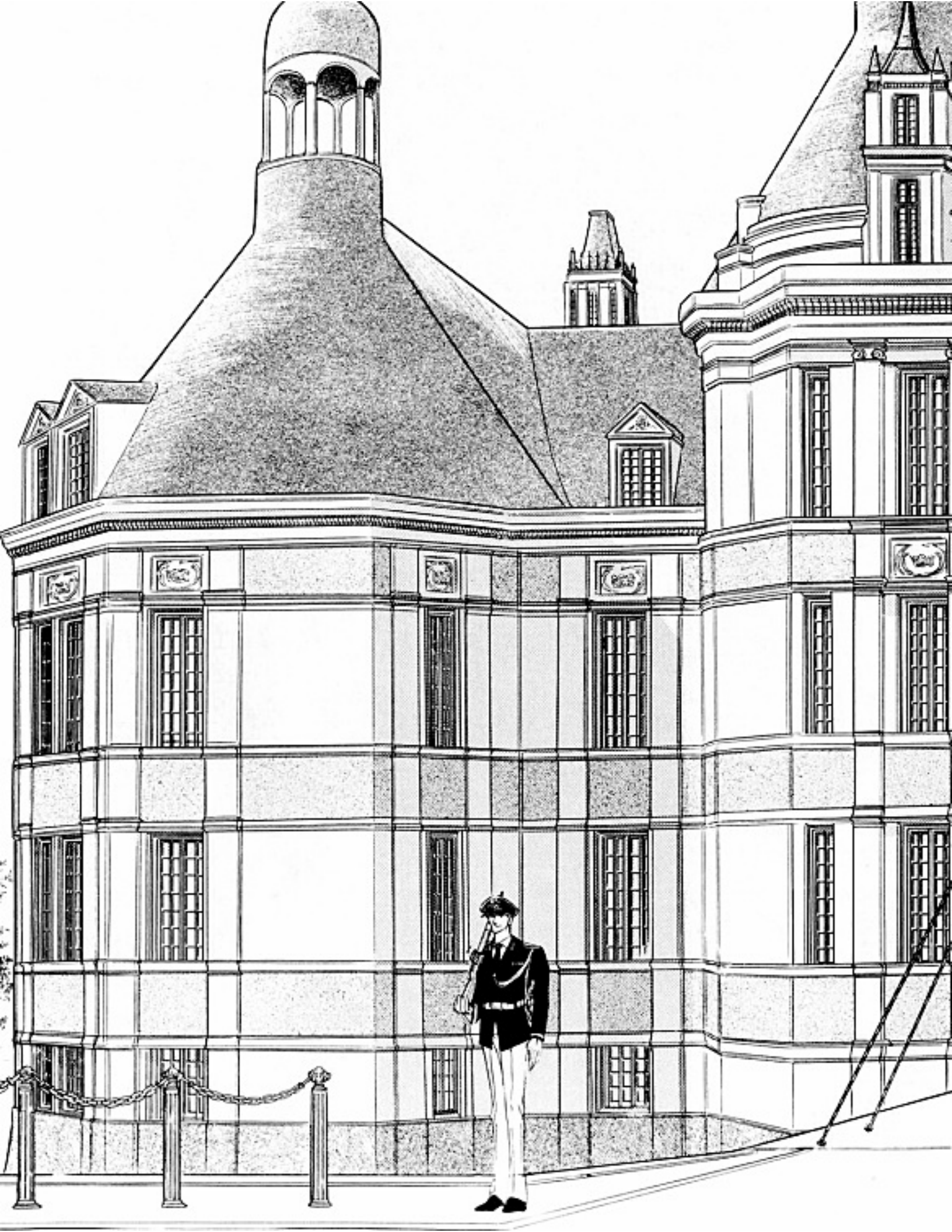
BUT WHERE WILL THEY START?
WE MIGHT AS WELL BE LOOKING AT A BLANK SHEET.
WE CAN'T BE LAX.
HELGA,
THE CITY SHOULD BE CRAWLING WITH TERRORISTS BY NOW.

THE LEGISLATIVE HALLS, AND THE PALACE. WE NEED TO CHECK ANY BUILDING WITHIN A 2km RADIUS THAT HAS BEEN REMODELED OR REPAIRED WITHIN THE LAST MONTH.
ASSUMING THEY'VE ALREADY PLANTED THEIR EXPLOSIVES; THE CITY TERMINAL, THE CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION DISTRICT,



I HAVE A BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS.


BOOMERANG...
I CAN'T STOP THINKING ABOUT THAT WORD...
MARIE ...
THE TERRORISTS HAVE HAD MONTHS TO PREPARE...
WE DON'T EVEN HAVE 48 HOURS.



RIGHT AFTER DELIVERING HIS INAUGURAL SPEECH TO THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,
THE PRESIDENT'S MOTORCADE WILL TRAVEL THROUGH THIS STREET TOWARDS THE PALACE FOR THE CEREMONY.

THERE, HUH...
AT THE PALACE'S CHAPEL,
THE PRINCE AND ATTENDING BISHOPS WILL ENTRUST HIM WITH THE SOVEREIGN AUTHORITY.

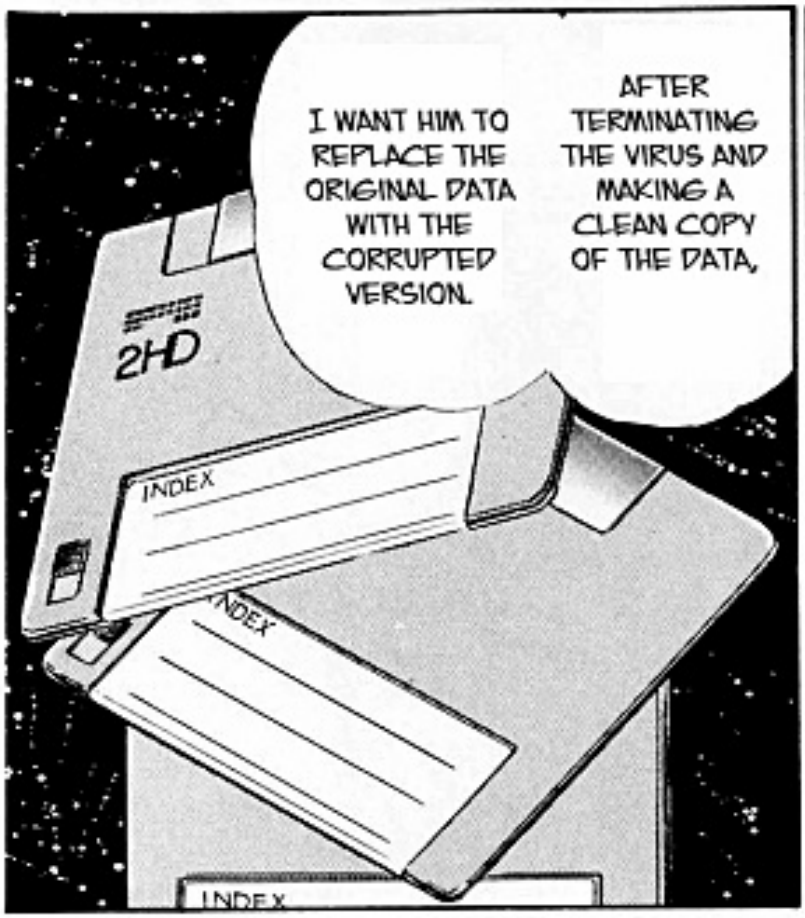
SURELY THAT'S UNLIKELY.

ONCE HE'S INSIDE THE PALACE, THE LIKELIHOOD IS ZERO. A MISSILE WOULD BE A DIFFERENT MATTER, THOUGH.
WHAT'S THE LIKELI-HOOD OF A SNIPER?

!!
FIGURES... HOW'S THE CANCELLATION OF THE CODES AND SECURITY INSTALLATION GOING?
HELLO?
COLIN... MHMM.
IT'S TYPE 13-GOLD, AND IT IS CURRENTLY INACTIVE.
THE COMPUTER RUNNING THE SECURITY SYSTEM WAS INFECTED WITH A VIRUS.
THEY WERE HACKED.
AWAITING THE DESIGNATED TIME TO ACT AND DESTROY ALL DATA.
IT GOES DORMANT AS SOON AS IT INFECTS THE SYSTEM;
TYPE 13-GOLD IS LIKE A TICKING TIME BOMB.
YES... WE MAY HAVE ANTICIPATED THE VIRUS, BUT IT IS WORRISOME NONETHELESS.
IT'S THE SNEAKY TYPE THAT SUDDENLY ACTIVATES WHEN LEAST EXPECTED...
GOOD THING WE CAUGHT IT EARLY.

TELL HIM TO MAKE A COPY OF THE INFECTED DATA.
HELGA!! CONTACT COLIN AT THE CENTER.

A COMPUTER VIRUS... DESTROYING INFORMATION SYSTEMS... LIKE A TICKING TIME BOMB... AN EXPLOSIVES... EXPERT...
...GRYPHON...!!


I WANT HIM TO REPLACE THE ORIGINAL DATA WITH THE CORRUPTED VERSION.
AFTER TERMINATING THE VIRUS AND MAKING A CLEAN COPY OF THE DATA,
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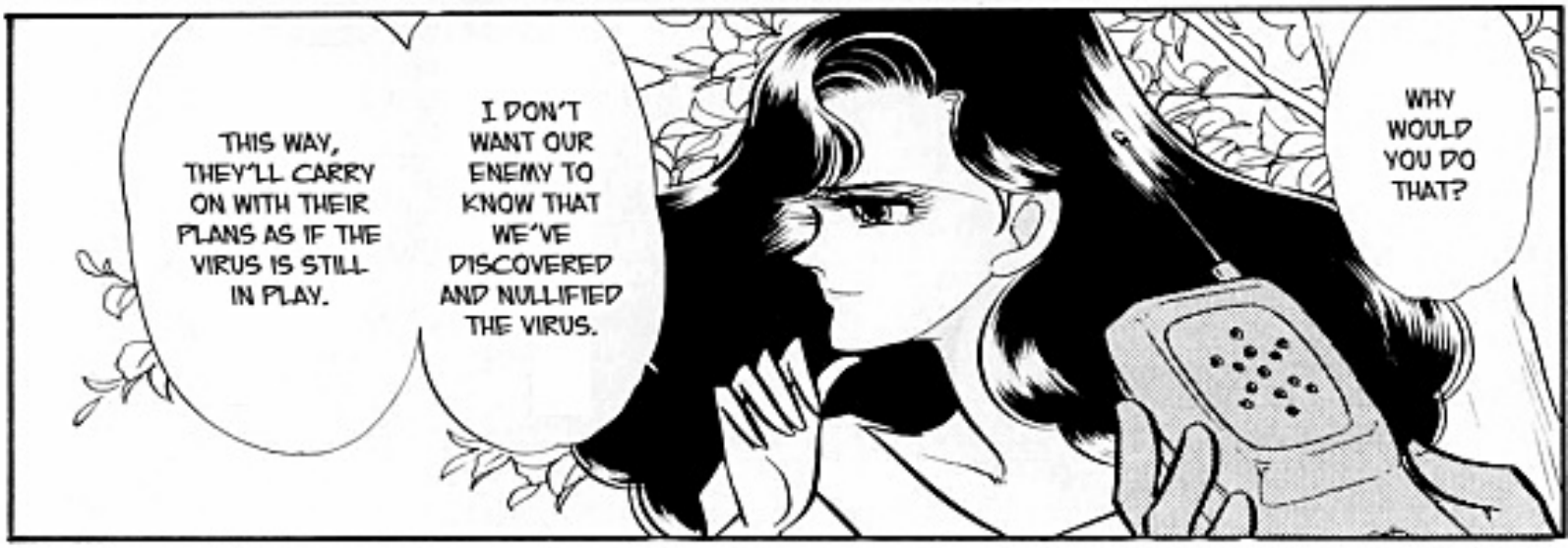
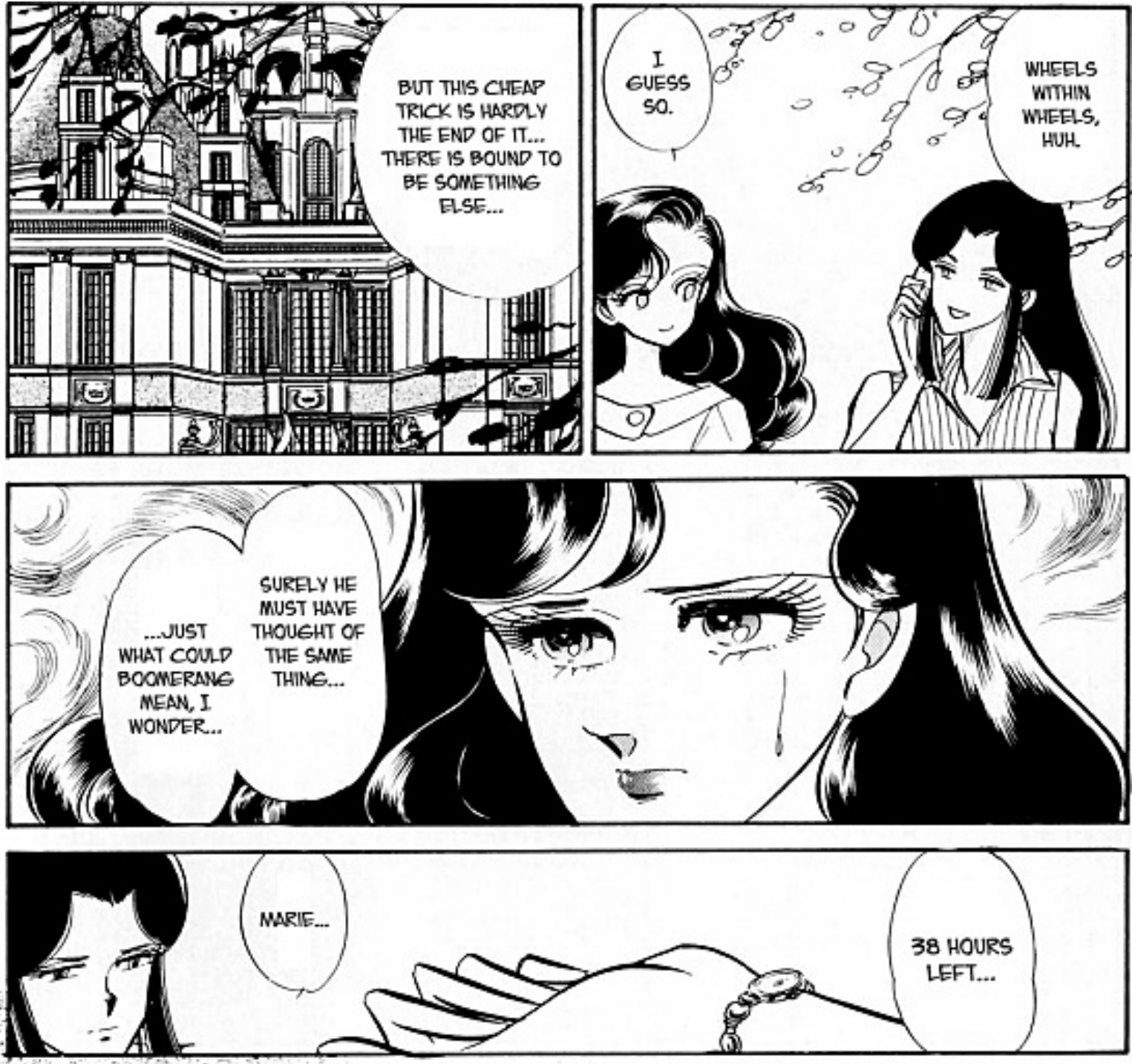
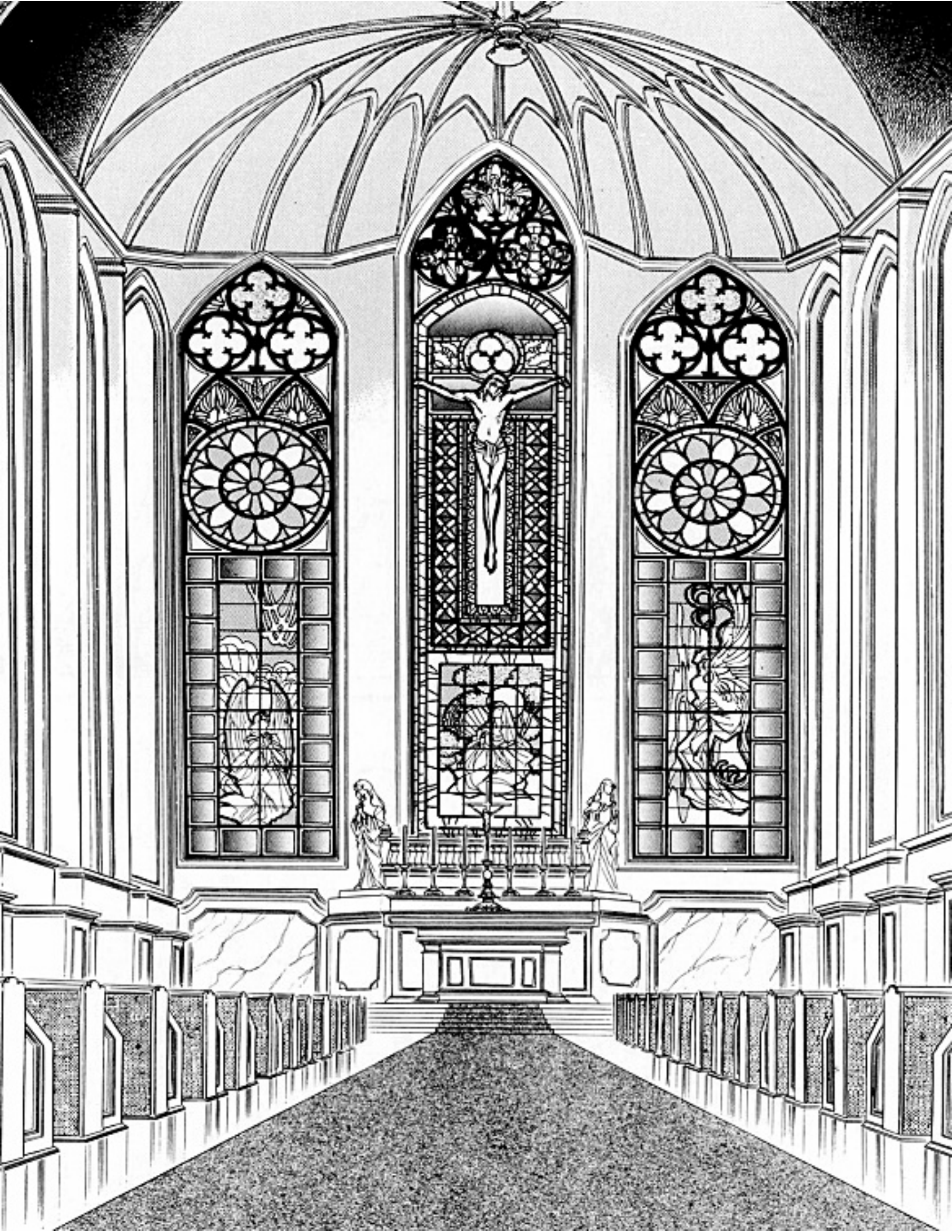
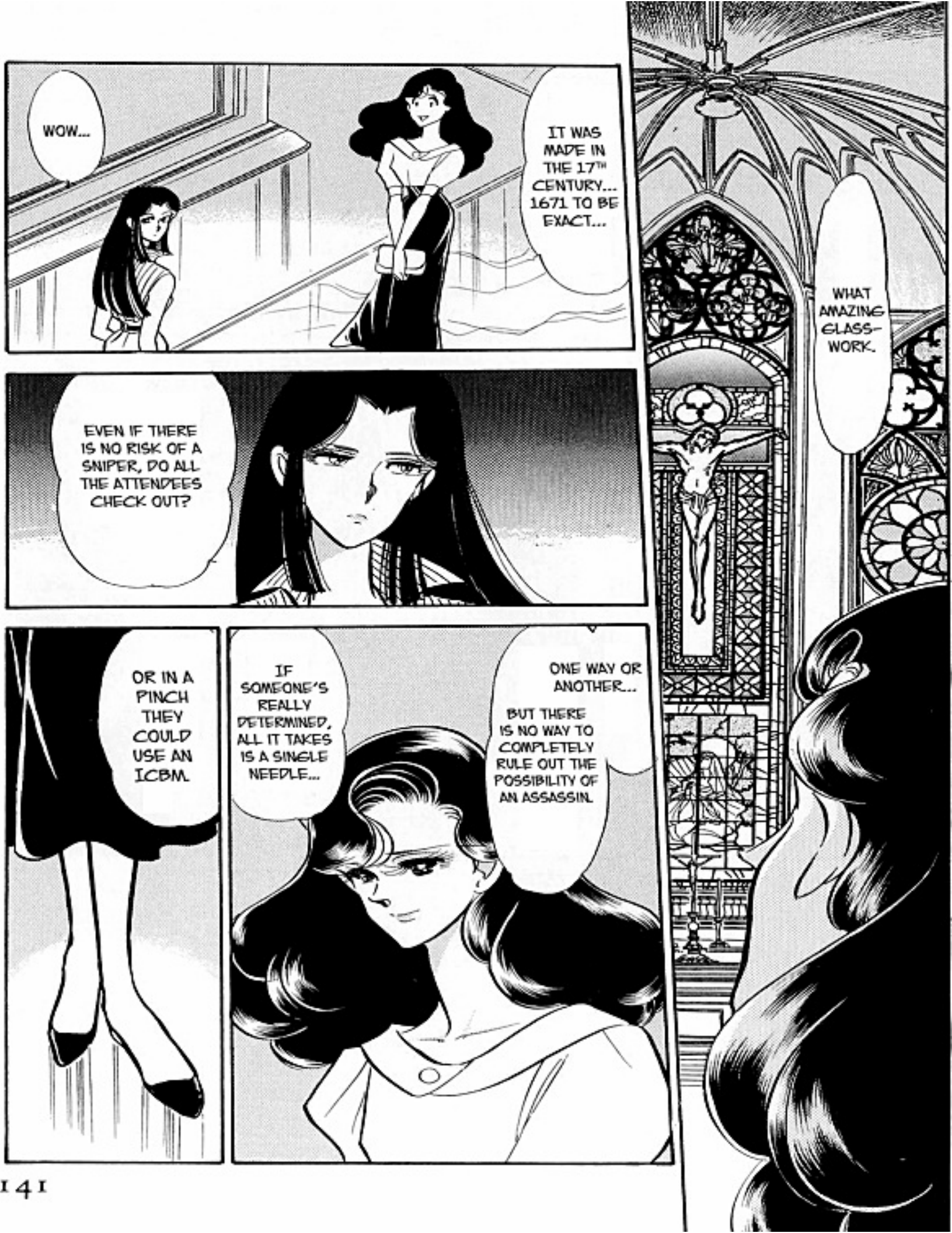
HUH?

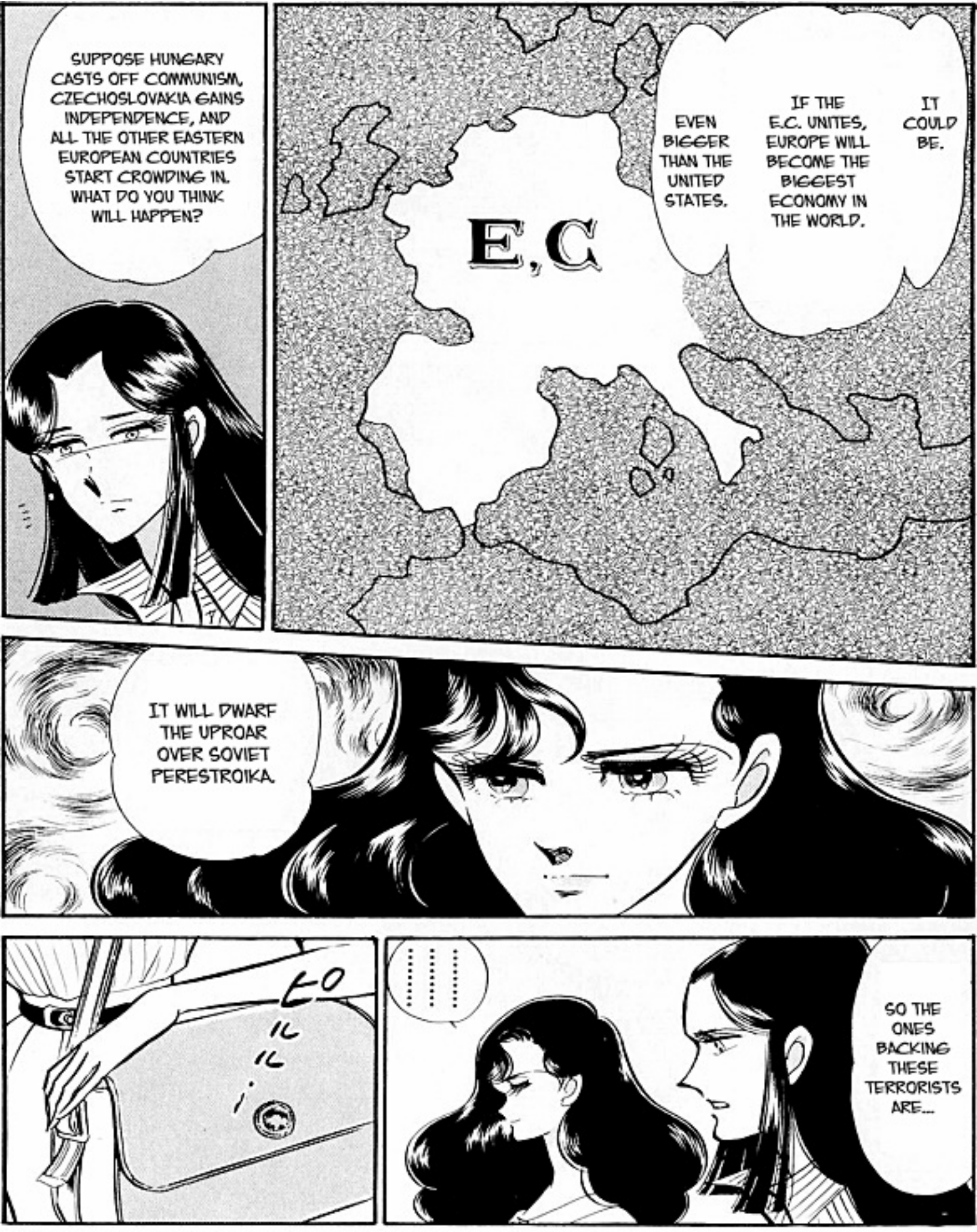

THIS WAY, THEY'LL CARRY ON WITH THEIR PLANS AS IF THE VIRUS IS STILL IN PLAY.
I DON'T WANT OUR ENEMY TO KNOW THAT WE'VE DISCOVERED AND NULLIFIED THE VIRUS.
WHY WOULD YOU DO THAT?


BUT THIS CHEAP TRICK IS HARDLY THE END OF IT... THERE IS BOUND TO BE SOMETHING ELSE...
I GUESS SO.
WHEELS WITHIN WHEELS, HUH.
...JUST WHAT COULD BOOMERANG MEAN, I WONDER...
SURELY HE MUST HAVE THOUGHT OF THE SAME THING...
MARIE...
38 HOURS LEFT...




WOW...
IT WAS MADE IN THE 17TH CENTURY... 1671 TO BE EXACT...
WHAT AMAZING GLASS-WORK.
EVEN IF THERE IS NO RISK OF A SNIPER, DO ALL THE ATTENDEES CHECK OUT?
OR IN A PINCH THEY COULD USE AN ICBM.
IF SOMEONE'S REALLY DETERMINED, ALL IT TAKES IS A SINGLE NEEDLE...
ONE WAY OR ANOTHER...
BUT THERE IS NO WAY TO COMPLETELY RULE OUT THE POSSIBILITY OF AN ASSASSIN.

NOT EVEN FOR US.
NO MATTER HOW MUCH WE CHECK THE ATTENDEES,
IF THE PRESIDENT'S WIFE GOT IT INTO HER HEAD TO KILL HIM, THERE WOULD BE NO WAY TO PREVENT IT.
THAT'S RIGHT...
AND THAT AFTER BEING ELECTED, HE WOULD TAKE A MAJOR ROLE IN THE UNIFICATION OF THE E.C.
THEY MUST HAVE KNOWN HE WOULD WIN THE ELECTION..
SO... WHY DID THE TERRORISTS WANT HIM AS THE PRESIDENT?
GOING BY THE LOGICAL EXTREME, IF THEY DIDN'T WANT HEINEKEN TO BE PRESIDENT, THEY COULD HAVE GONE TO HIS HOME BEFORE THE ELECTION AND HELD HIS FAMILY HOSTAGE OR EVEN KILLED HIM. THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN EASIER.
IT'S A FRONT FOR THE "LIBERATION OF MINORITIES" THEN?
THE SUPPORTERS OF EUROPEAN UNIFICATION WOULD BE SEEN AS TARGETS OF TERRORISM.
BY KILLING PRESIDENT HEINEKEN, THEY WOULD THROW HIS SUPPORTERS INTO A BLOODBATH.


SUPPOSE HUNGARY CASTS OFF COMMUNISM, CZECHOSLOVAKIA GAINS INDEPENDENCE, AND ALL THE OTHER EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES START CROWDING IN. WHAT DO YOU THINK WILL HAPPEN?
E.C
EVEN BIGGER THAN THE UNITED STATES.
IF THE E.C. UNITES, EUROPE WILL BECOME THE BIGGEST ECONOMY IN THE WORLD.
IT COULD BE.
IT WILL DWARF THE UPROAR OVER SOVIET PERESTROIKA.
SO THE ONES BACKING THESE TERRORISTS ARE...

HELLO... LIN?
WHAT IS IT?
HE CERTAINLY IS TENSE.
HIEE ...
WHAT!? EXPLO-SIVES!?

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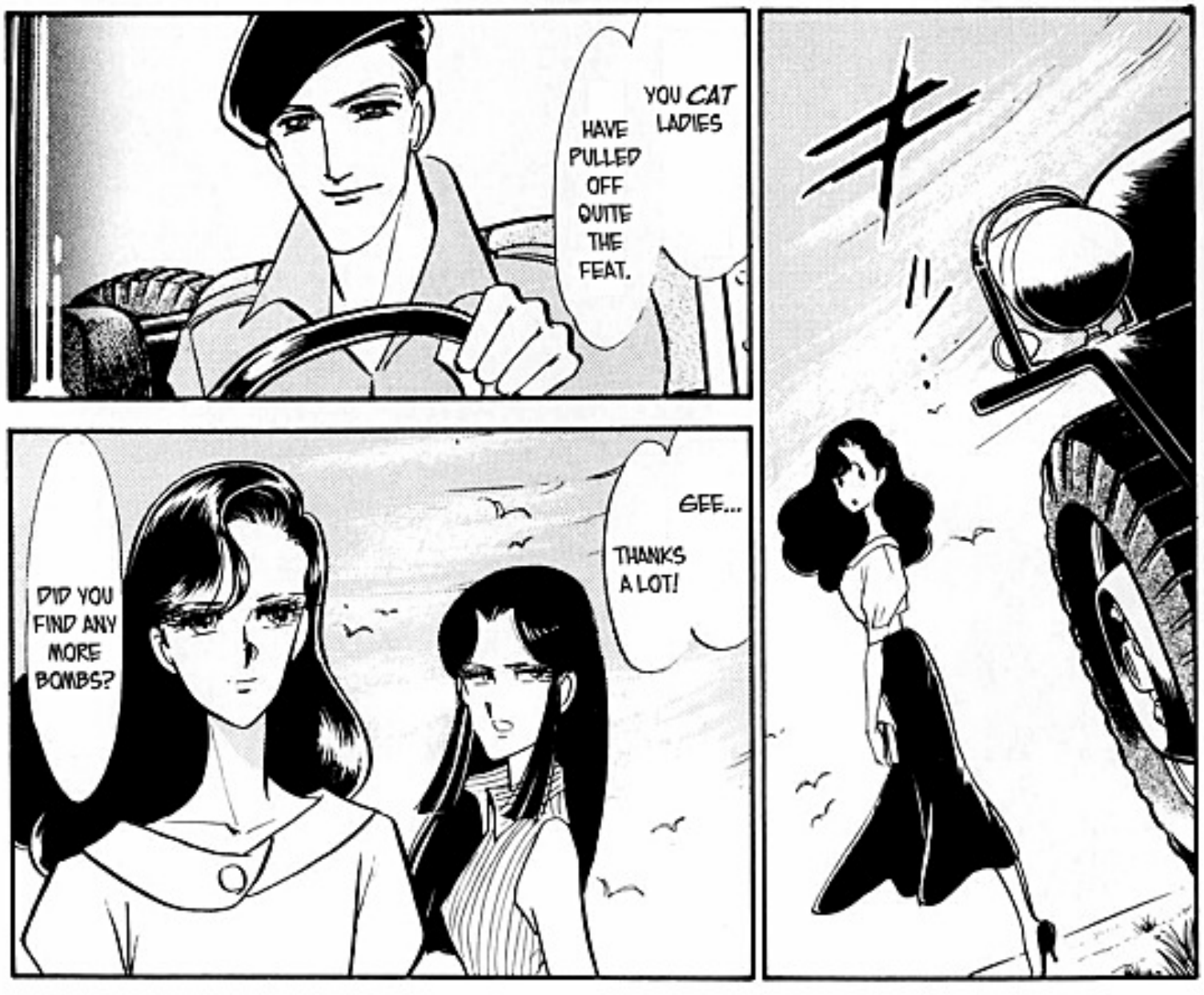
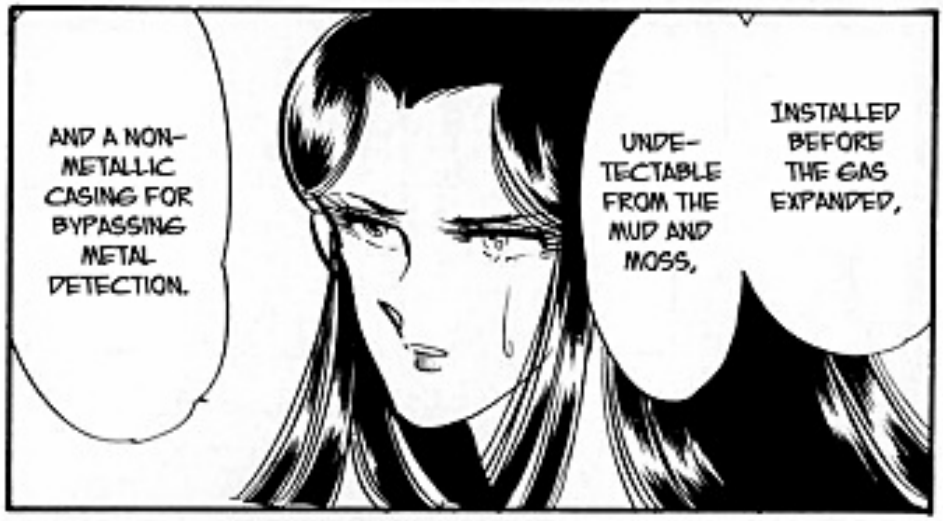
わあ
GET THE CIVILIANS OUT OF HERE!!
CARLA, BRING THE CAR OVER!!
LIN!!
HAVE YOU IN-FORMED THE COMMAN-DER YET?

IT IS INCREDIBLY WELL MADE.
2 KILOS OF C4 PLASTIC EXPLOSIVES.
THE EQUIVALENT OF 50 KILOS OF TNT.
THE DIGITAL TIMER IS SET FOR 10:00AM TOMORROW.
IT COULD BLOW UP A 150 METER RADIUS.
YOU FOUND IT IN THE CANAL?
YEAH... THERE ARE QUITE A NUMBER OF THEM SCATTERED IN THERE.
DELILAH!! HAVE THE POLICE AND MILITARY CHECK EVERY CANAL!!
I'VE ALREADY SENT IN THE REQUEST.

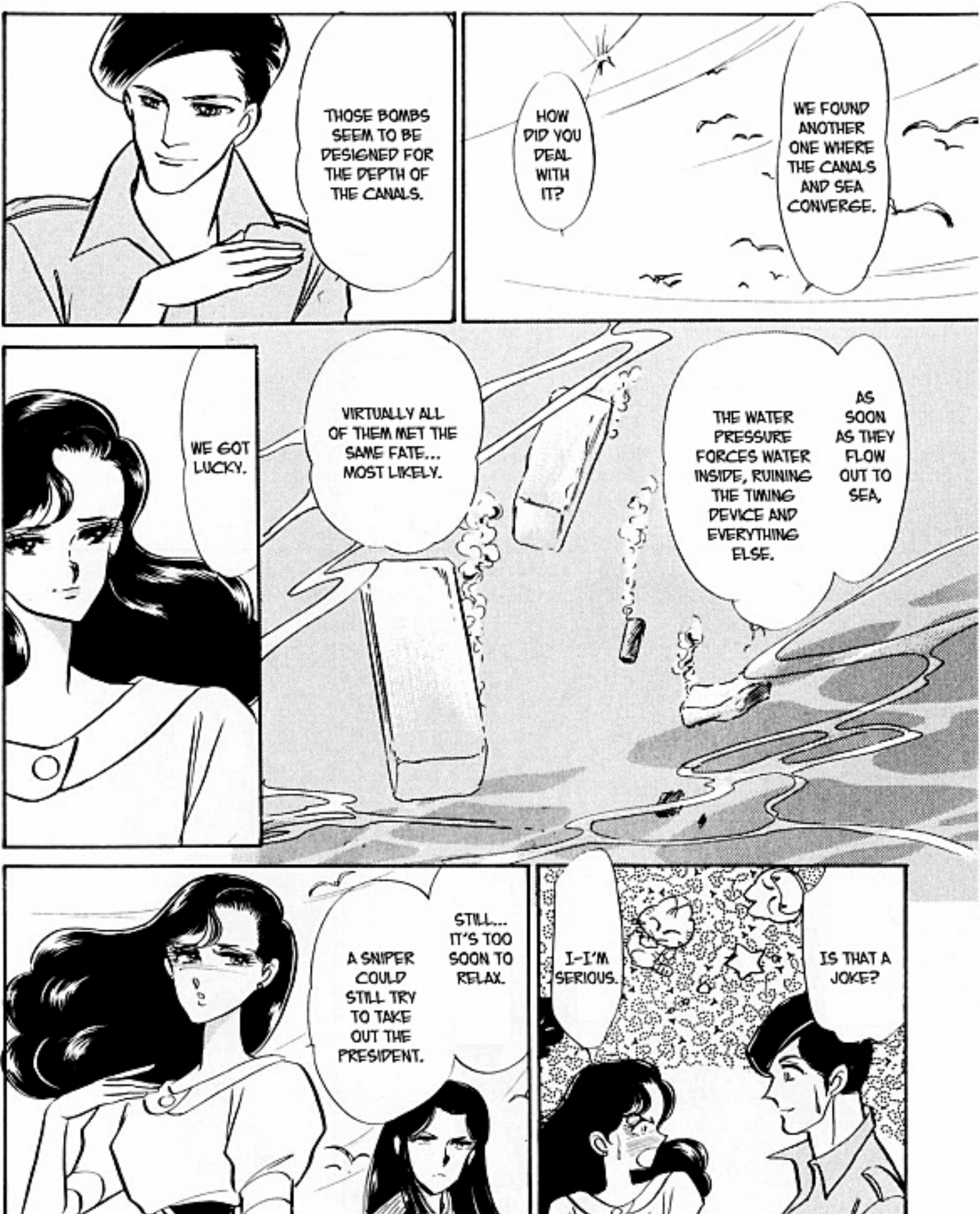
I WOULD GUESS IT WAS PUT IN THERE AT LEAST THREE MONTHS AGO.
WHEN WE PULLED THIS ONE UP, IT WAS PRETTY WELL COVERED IN MUD AND MOSS.
I DON'T THINK THERE ARE THAT MANY LEFT IN THE CANALS.
EXACTLY.
IF IT HAS BEEN THAT LONG, THEN...
THREE MONTHS?
WHEN FILLED WITH GAS, IT FLOATS.
MADE OF A HONEYCOMB STRUCTURE OF POLYACETAL AND CARBON.
THE THING IS, ITS CASING WAS
HUH?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, JESSICA?
THEY'VE FLOWED INTO THE OCEAN!!


YOU CAT LADIES HAVE PULLED OFF QUITE THE FEAT.
GEE... THANKS A LOT!
DID YOU FIND ANY MORE BOMBS?

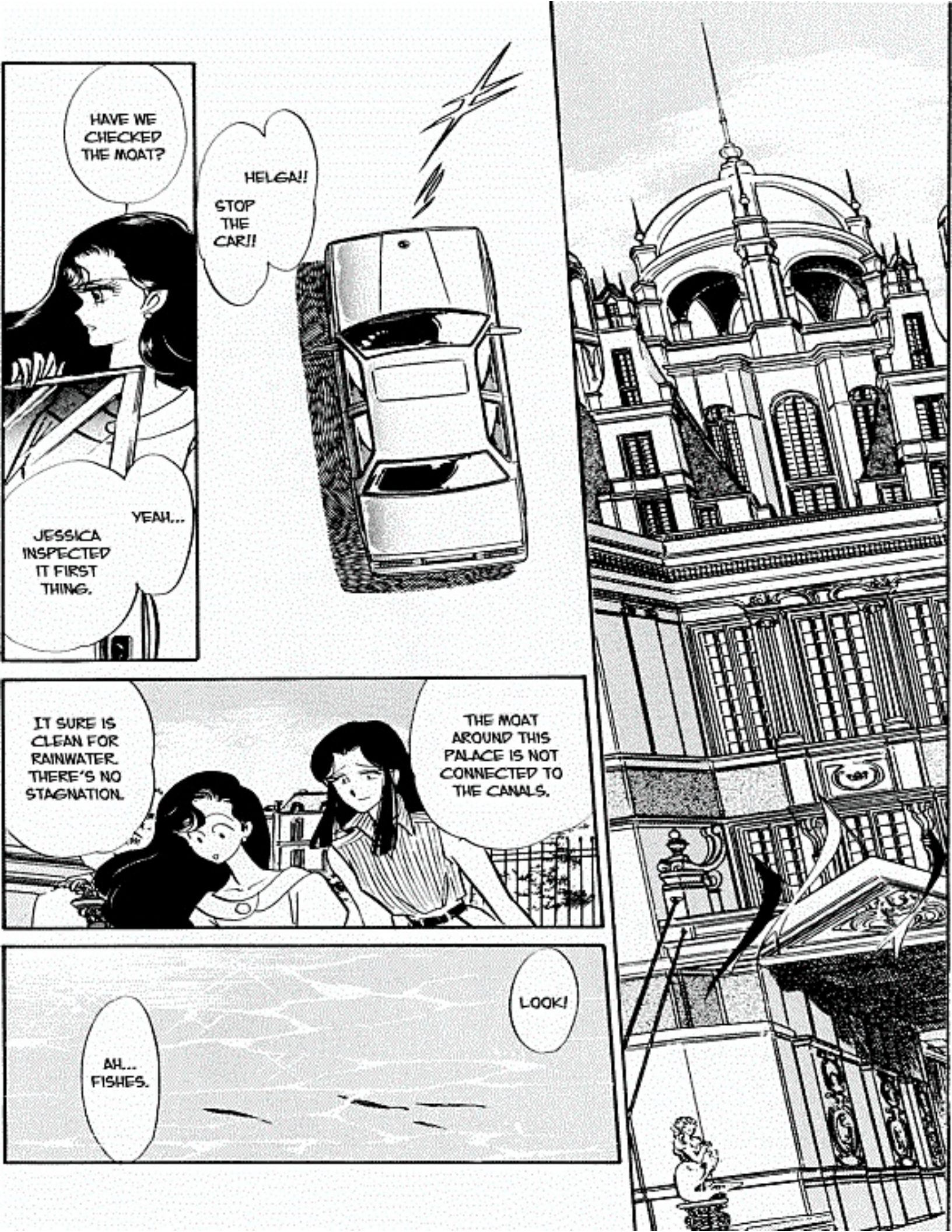

AND A NON-METALLIC CASING FOR BYPASSING METAL DETECTION.
UNDE-TECTABLE FROM THE MUD AND MOSS,
INSTALLED BEFORE THE GAS EXPANDED,

WITHIN THE CANALS.
I SHUDDER TO THINK WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF THEY ALL WENT OFF

THAT WAS... CRAZY
AND ANTI-CLIMATIC.


THOSE BOMBS SEEM TO BE DESIGNED FOR THE DEPTH OF THE CANALS.
HOW DID YOU DEAL WITH IT?
WE FOUND ANOTHER ONE WHERE THE CANALS AND SEA CONVERGE.
WE GOT LUCKY.
VIRTUALLY ALL OF THEM MET THE SAME FATE... MOST LIKELY.
THE WATER PRESSURE FORCES WATER INSIDE, RUINING THE TIMING DEVICE AND EVERYTHING ELSE.
AS SOON AS THEY FLOW OUT TO SEA,
A SNIPER COULD STILL TRY TO TAKE OUT THE PRESIDENT.
STILL... IT'S TOO SOON TO RELAX.
I-I'M SERIOUS.
IS THAT A JOKE?

THAT IDIOT ...
DON'T WORRY. GOD WILL PROTECT DALELAND.
IT MAY JUST BE AS HE SAID... ALTHOUGH ANY LAND OR PERSON WHOM GOD MIGHT PROTECT HAVE LONG LOST ALL PURITY...
!
RRRHZO!
AND THE PRESIDENT.
WHAT'S UP? SO THE ARMY HAS FINALLY DECIDED TO SHOW UP, HUH.
GOT IT...
WITHIN THE CITY, THERE ARE SHADY LOOKING CHARACTERS WHO ARE STARTING TO MOVE.
THE ENEMY, FLUSTERED BY THE RECENT TURN OF EVENTS, HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO ALTER THEIR PLANS.


HAVE WE CHECKED THE MOAT?
YEAH... JESSICA INSPECTED IT FIRST THING.
HELGA!! STOP THE CAR!!
IT SURE IS CLEAN FOR RAINWATER. THERE'S NO STAGNATION.
THE MOAT AROUND THIS PALACE IS NOT CONNECTED TO THE CANALS.
LOOK!
AH... FISHES.

SALT-WATER ...?
Shouldn't it filled with carps or goldfishes?
EH?
IT'S A SALTWATER MOAT.
It sparkles... Kyahh... so cuuute!
AH... IT JUMPED. A FLYING FISH!
AT HIGH TIDE. LOOK!
THERE'S A TUNNEL UNDER THE PALACE THAT'S CONNECTED TO THE SEA. THE SALTWATER COMES FROM UNDER THAT DRAWBRIDGE...
JESSICA WAS STARTLED TOO.

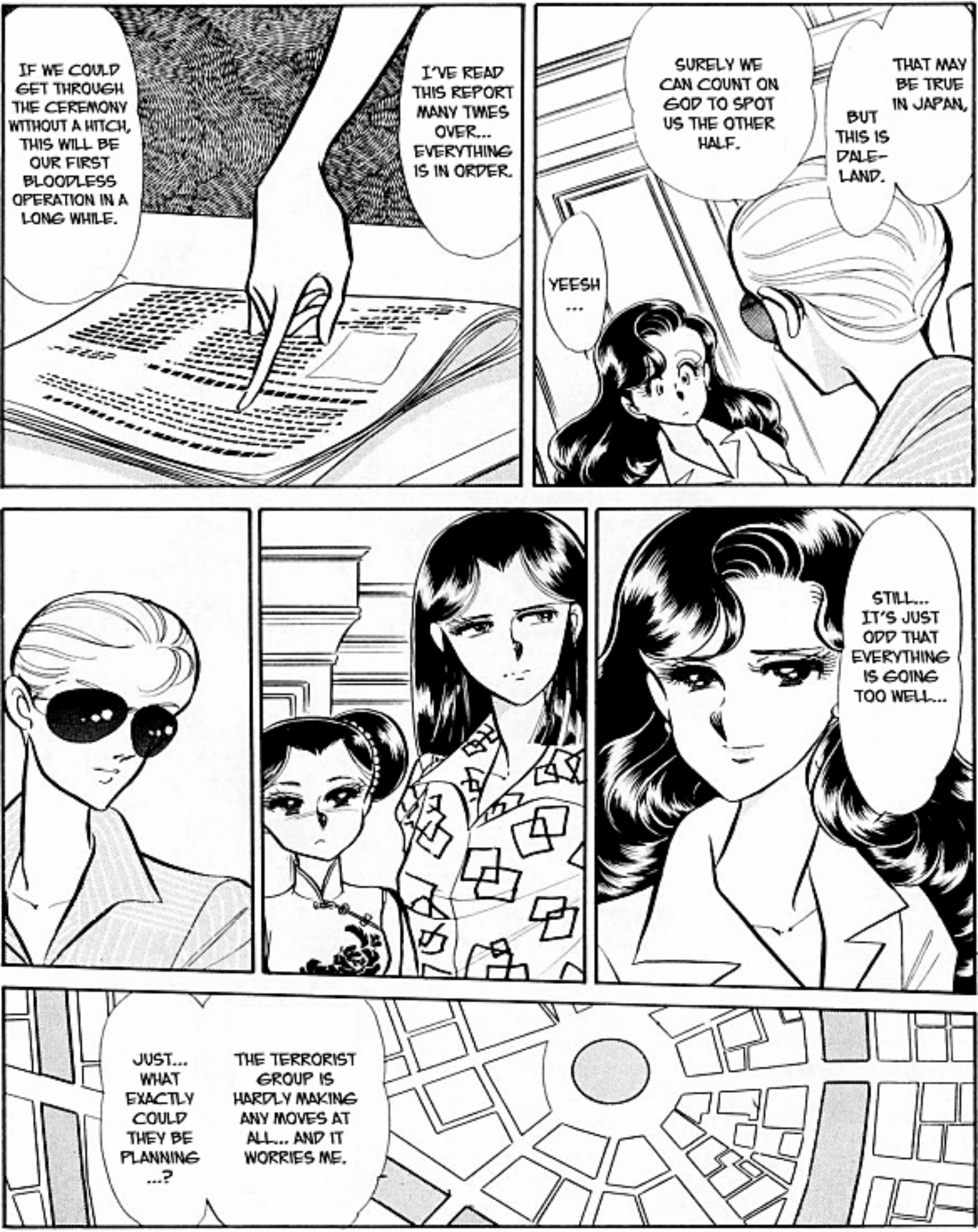
SUCH MAJESTY.
WHOA!
WHAT A SPLENDID GARDEN FOUNTAIN!

THAT'S THE CHURCH'S CLOCK TOWER ATOP THE HILL.
EVERY-THING SURE IS PEACE-FUL.

THE BELL IN THAT CLOCK TOWER ALSO CAME FROM THE 17TH CENTURY.
This sorta feels like a field trip...

GIVE ME A BREAK. I'VE SPENT THE WHOLE DAY DIGGING MUD OUT OF DITCHES.
THINGS NEED CLEANING UP EVERY ONCE IN A WHILE.
I'LL BE USING THE SHOWER NEXT.
OHHH, THAT WAS SO REFRE-SHING!
LIN! CAN'T YOU AT LEAST PUT ON A TOWEL?
IT'S LOOKING LIKE WE COULD ACTUALLY PULL THIS JOB OFF UNSCATHED...
ALL THE HEADS OF STATE HAVE ARRIVED SAFELY FOR THE CEREMONY.

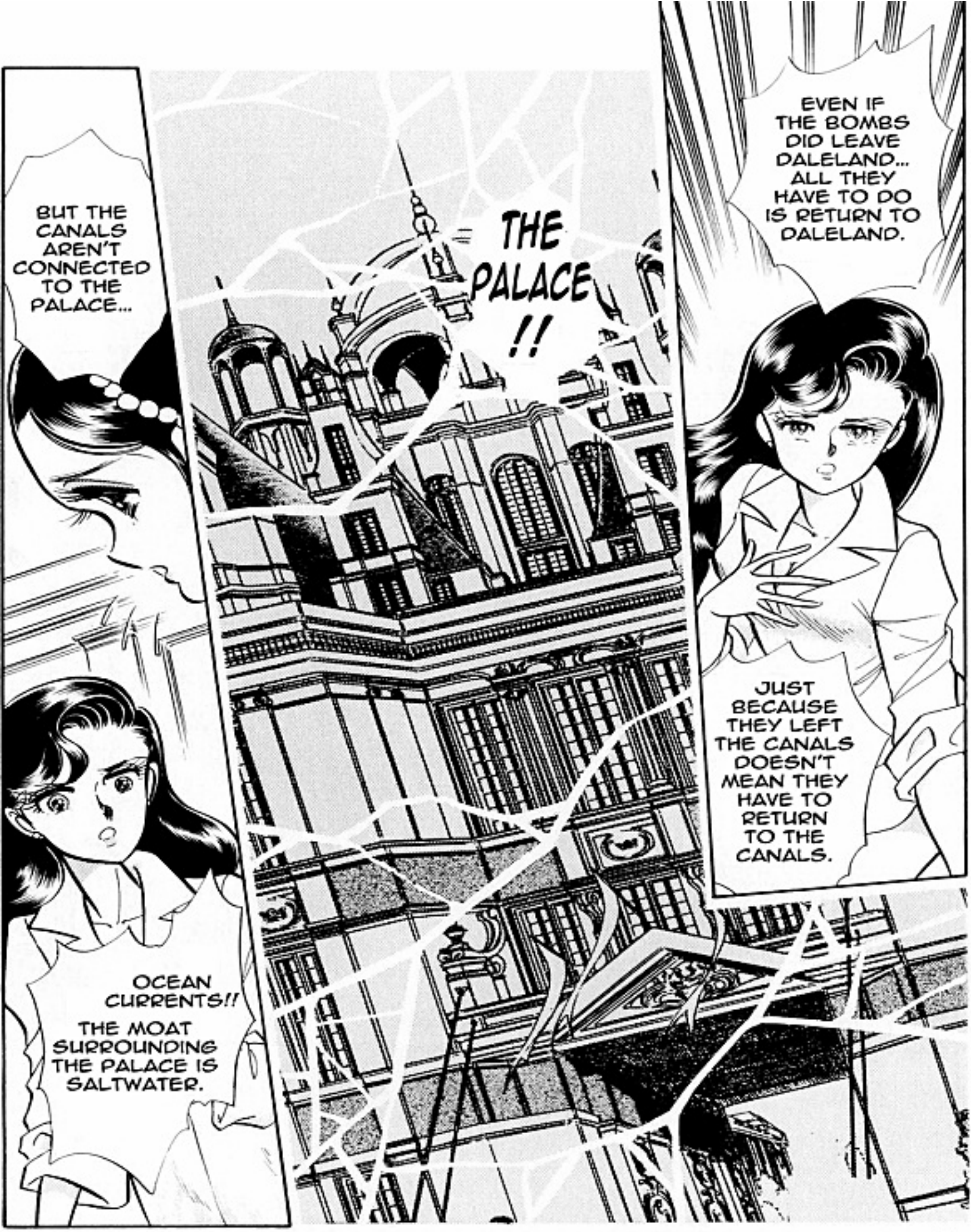
HELGA,
WHAT DOES "BOOMERANG" MEANS TO YOU?
LIN... HOW LONG DO YOU PLAN ON LOITERING AROUND NAKED?
WHY THE GLUM LOOK?
IT'S A WOODEN TOOL USED BY AUSTRALIAN ABORIGINALS WHEN THEY HUNT...
THE COMMONWEALTH AIRCRAFT CORPORATION MADE A FIGHTER BY THAT NAME WHICH WAS USED DURING THE SECOND WORLD WAR...
HMM... WELL... I SERIOUSLY DOUBT IT HOLDS ANY SPECIAL MEANING.
OUR CONTRACT ENDS AS SOON AS THE CEREMONY IS OVER...
WE'LL STOP ANY TERRORIST ACT FROM REACHING THE PRESIDENT BEFORE THEN!!
WITH THAT, I GIVE US AN 80% CHANCE.
YOU'RE OVER-THINKING IT.
IF A PLAN HAS AN 80% CHANCE, WAGER HALF...
THERE'S A SAYING IN MY COUNTRY.


IF WE COULD GET THROUGH THE CEREMONY WITHOUT A HITCH, THIS WILL BE OUR FIRST BLOODLESS OPERATION IN A LONG WHILE.
I'VE READ THIS REPORT MANY TIMES OVER... EVERYTHING IS IN ORDER.
SURELY WE CAN COUNT ON GOD TO SPOT US THE OTHER HALF.
THAT MAY BE TRUE IN JAPAN, BUT THIS IS DALE-LAND.
YEESH ...
STILL... IT'S JUST ODD THAT EVERYTHING IS GOING TOO WELL...
JUST... WHAT EXACTLY COULD THEY BE PLANNING ...?
THE TERRORIST GROUP IS HARDLY MAKING ANY MOVES AT ALL... AND IT WORRIES ME.

JUST... HEAR ME OUT, OKAY...
SAY... WHAT IF...
COULD THEY REALLY HAVE PUT ALL THEIR HOPES IN THOSE BOMBS...
EVEN THOUGH THE BOMBS SITTING THERE GOT BORED AND DECIDED TO FROLIC INTO THE SEA?
IF THE TERRORISTS' PLAN WAS COMPLETELY THWARTED, SURELY THEY WOULD HAVE ALREADY FLED.
ME BEING SHOT AT THE PARTY,
THE EARLY DETECTION AND NEUTRALIZATION OF THE COMPUTER VIRUS,
AND THE DISCOVERY OF THE DEFECTIVE BOMBS...
WERE PART OF THE TERRORISTS' PLAN ALL ALONG?
COMMAN -DER...
I-IT CAN'T BE!

!!
UNTIL YOU HIT YOUR PREY, THAT IS.
YOU MEAN THE THING THAT COMES BACK TO YOU WHEN YOU THROW IT...
IF ONLY WE COULD MAKE IT ALL ADD UP...
"BOOMERANG" DEFINITELY HOLDS THE KEY TO EVERYTHING!
HUH !?
ARE YOU SAYING THE BOMBS WILL RETURN TO THE CANALS EVEN AFTER DRIFTING OUT TO SEA?
THE BOMBS COME BACK!!
THAT'S IT!! COMES BACK!!
BUT MARIE, THOSE BOMBS DON'T CONTAIN ANY KIND OF MOTOR.
THERE'S NOTHING RESEMBLING A PROPELLER ATTACHED TO THEM.

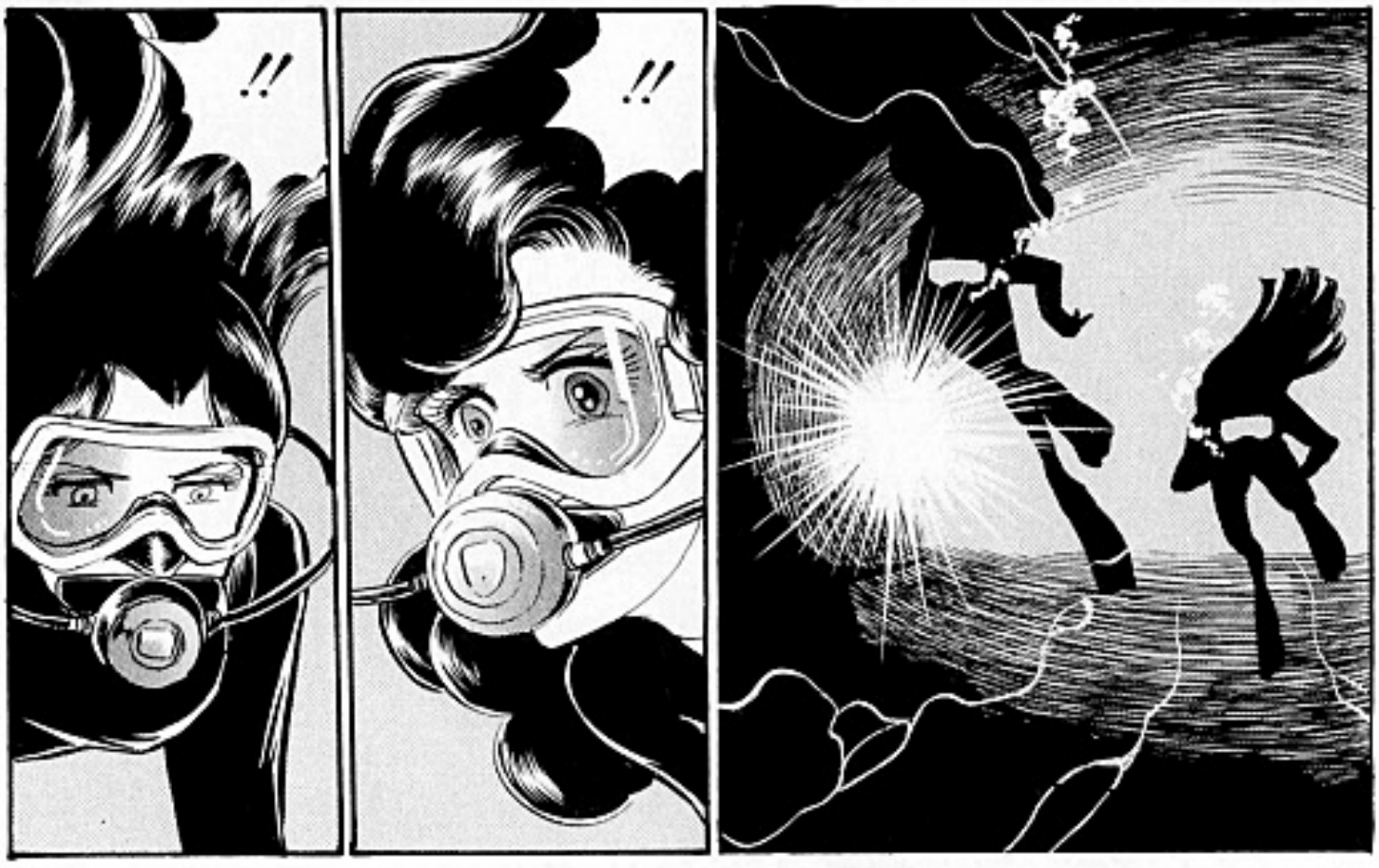
CARBON FIBER CONDUCTS ELECTRICITY, THEREFORE IT HEATS UP WHEN CURRENT RUNS THROUGH IT.
SHE ALSO SAID THEY WERE MADE OF A HONEYCOMB STRUCTURE OF POLYACETAL RESIN AND CARBON FIBER.
JESSICA SAID THAT WHEN THE GAS EXPANDS, THEY FLOAT.
OR TO BE MORE ACCURATE, THEY'RE BUILT TO FLOAT!!
AT THE SPECIFIED TIME, CURRENT RUNS THROUGH THE BOMBS' CASINGS, THUS HEATING THEM UP.
THEN ...
SUBSEQUENTLY ENABLING THE BOMBS TO RIDE THE STREAM.
THE BOMBS' SURFACE MUST HAVE BEEN COATED WITH SOMETHING THAT REACTS TO HEAT WHICH SERVES TO GENERATE THE GAS THAT FILLS UP THE DOUBLE COMPARTMENT...
THERE'S NO WAY THEY CAN RETURN TO THE CANALS.
BUT... THEY ALREADY DRIFTED OUT TO SEA.


BUT THE CANALS AREN'T CONNECTED TO THE PALACE...
THE PALACE !!
EVEN IF THE BOMBS DID LEAVE DALELAND... ALL THEY HAVE TO DO IS RETURN TO DALELAND.
JUST BECAUSE THEY LEFT THE CANALS DOESN'T MEAN THEY HAVE TO RETURN TO THE CANALS.
OCEAN CURRENTS!!
THE MOAT SURROUNDING THE PALACE IS SALTWATER.

AT HIGH TIDE, THEY ARE THEN ABSORBED FROM THE OCEAN INTO THE TUNNEL.
UPON LEAVING THE CITY AND REACHING THE OCEAN, THE BOMBS INSTANTANEOUSLY RIDE THE CURRENT TOWARD THE PENINSULA.
THOSE BOMBS ARE NOT DEFECTIVE. THEY ARE ALARMINGLY FLAWLESS.
THE CANALS, THE OCEAN CURRENTS... EVEN THE EBB AND FLOW OF THE TIDE... EVERYTHING WAS ACCOUNTED FOR...
HELGA!!
ASSEMBLE THE TEAM AT ONCE! WE'RE GOING TO THE PALACE!!

WHAT'S THE MEANING OF THIS!?
RETURN TO YOUR QUARTERS THIS INSTANT!
HERE WE GO!!

UH...
ker-chak!
HEY!! JUST WHERE THE HELL DO YOU THINK YOU ARE!?
YOU HAVE NO JURISDICTION HERE?
GET LOST OLD MAN!
WHEN IT COMES TO PREVENTING TERRORIST ATTACKS, WE ASSUME FULL AUTHORITY.



HOW WAS IT?
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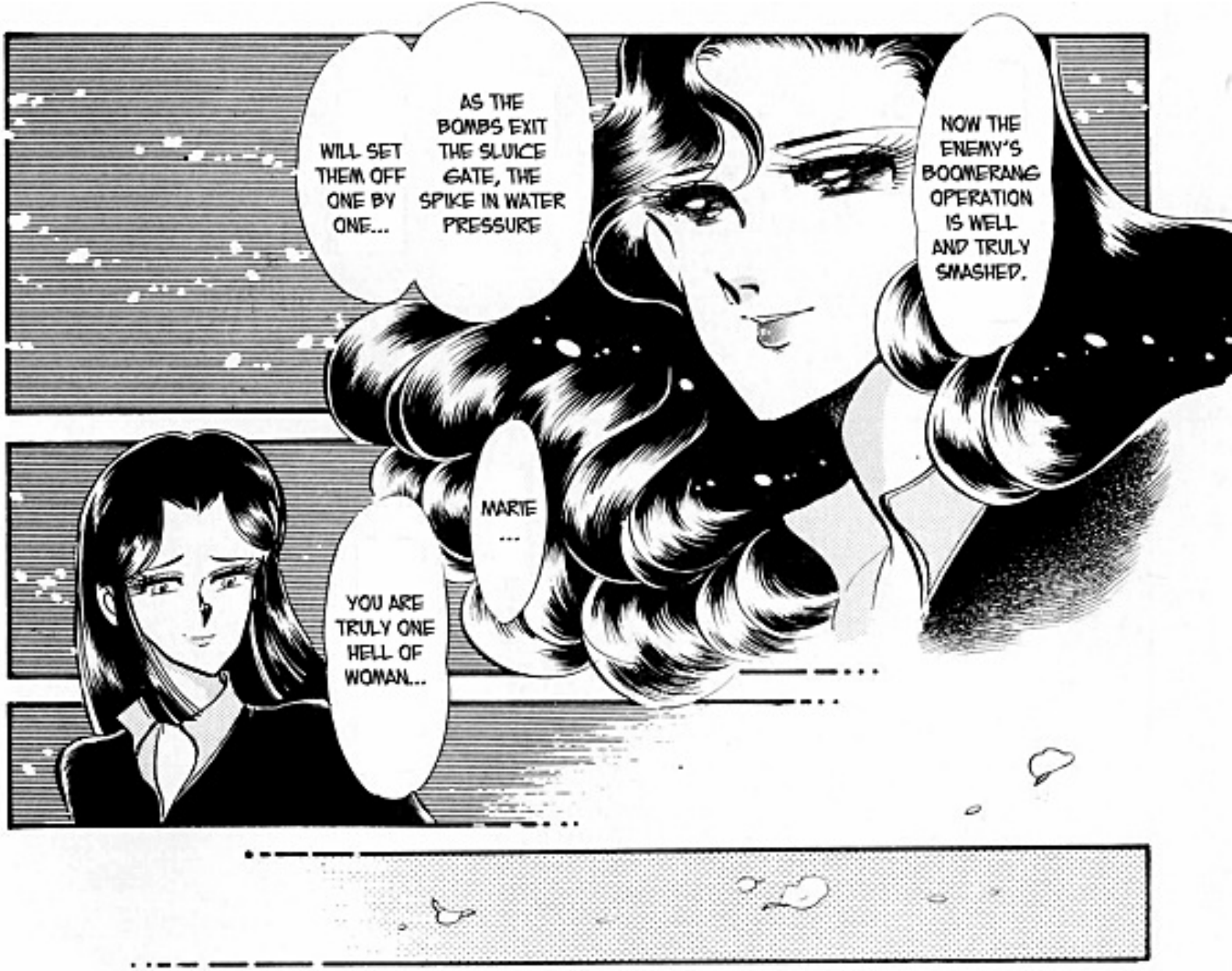
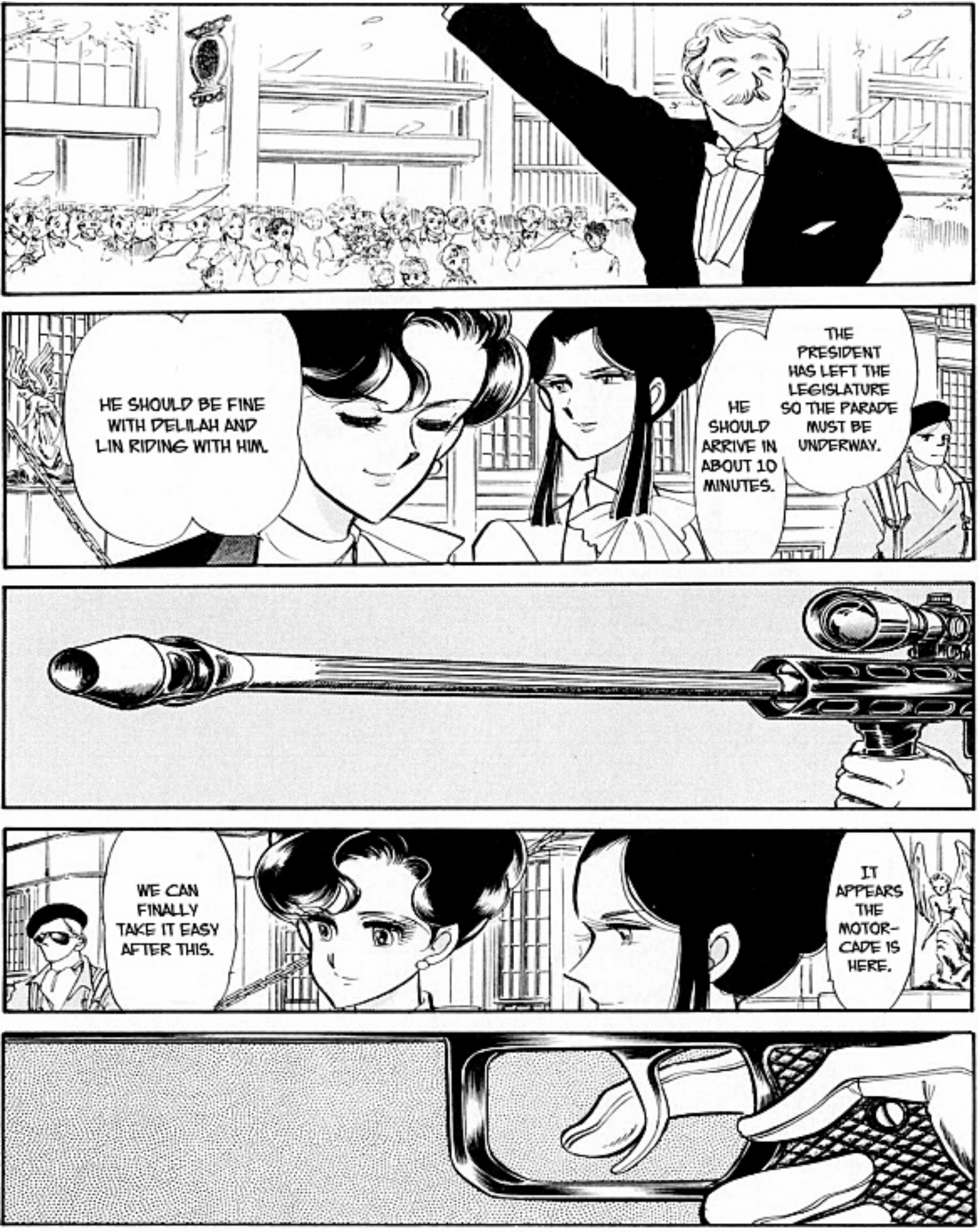
COMMANDER!! HELGA!!
THEY ARE LIKE A SCHOOL OF TUNA DOWN THERE.
WE HAVE TO GET THEM OUT RIGHT AWAY.
NO!! YOU CAN'T BRING THEM UP!
HUH?
I'VE JUST FINISHED A FULL ANALYSIS OF THE TIMING DEVICE. IT CONTAINS A DEPTH SENSOR THAT WAS ACTIVATED 12 HOURS AGO.
IF YOU BRING THEM TO THE SURFACE NOW, THEY WILL EXPLODE !!

IT COULD BE BROUGHT TO THE SURFACE AS LONG AS THE EXTERNAL PRESSURE MATCHES THAT OF THE PRESSURE UNDERWATER.
THAT WON'T BE NECESSARY. THE BOMB HAS A SIMPLE DEPTH SENSOR.
IN THAT CASE... DO WE HAVE TO DEFUSE ALL OF THEM... UNDERWATER?
DON'T JUST STAND THERE— DO SOMETHING!
AREN'T YOU SUPPOSED TO BE THE EXPERTS? WELL...!?
chak
MARIE...
THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE! WE'RE NOT DEALING WITH JUST ONE OR TWO BOMBS DOWN THERE!
HAVE IRENE USE THE LARGE CHOPPER TO TRANSPORT AS MANY HIGH PRESSURE WATER PUMPS AS POSSIBLE. WE'LL USE THOSE TO GET RID OF THE BOMBS ONCE AND FOR ALL.
HELGA!!

ENGAGE!!

OH...


NOW THE ENEMY'S BOOMERANG OPERATION IS WELL AND TRULY SMASHED.
AS THE BOMBS EXIT THE SLUICE GATE, THE SPIKE IN WATER PRESSURE
WILL SET THEM OFF ONE BY ONE...
MARIE ...
YOU ARE TRULY ONE HELL OF WOMAN...


HE SHOULD BE FINE WITH DELILAH AND LIN RIDING WITH HIM.
HE SHOULD ARRIVE IN ABOUT 10 MINUTES.
THE PRESIDENT HAS LEFT THE LEGISLATURE SO THE PARADE MUST BE UNDERWAY.
WE CAN FINALLY TAKE IT EASY AFTER THIS.
IT APPEARS THE MOTOR-CADE IS HERE.

SHEESH... THAT GIRL.

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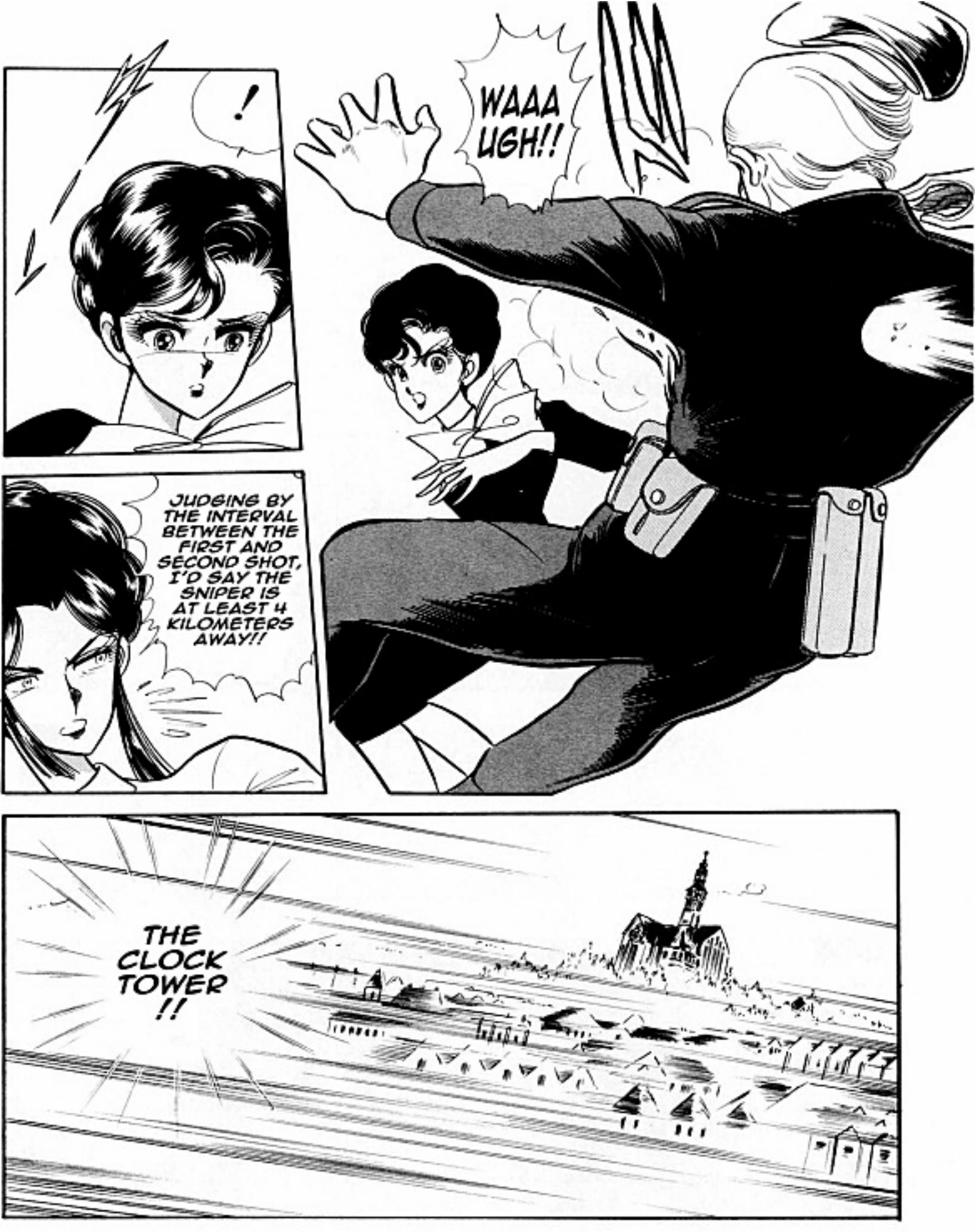
MARIE —!!
INTO THE PALACE— QUICKLY!!

BUT WHERE !?
WE'VE BEEN HAD!!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WAAA
UGH!!
JUDGING BY THE INTERVAL BETWEEN THE FIRST AND SECOND SHOT, I'D SAY THE SNIPER IS AT LEAST 4 KILOMETERS AWAY!!
THE CLOCK TOWER !!

TO DO THIS MUCH DAMAGE FROM MORE THAN 4 KILOMETERS...!!
IT'S USELESS, MARIE! THE SNIPER IS VIRTUALLY OUT OF THE M16's RANGE!
IT MUST BE A .50 CALIBER ANTI-TANK RIFLE...

YEESH, I CAN'T MOVE IN THIS THING.
NO MATTER HOW MUCH YOU ADJUST THE SIGHT, THERE'S NO WAY YOU CAN ACCURATELY SNIPE HIM.
HELGA!! SUPPORT!!

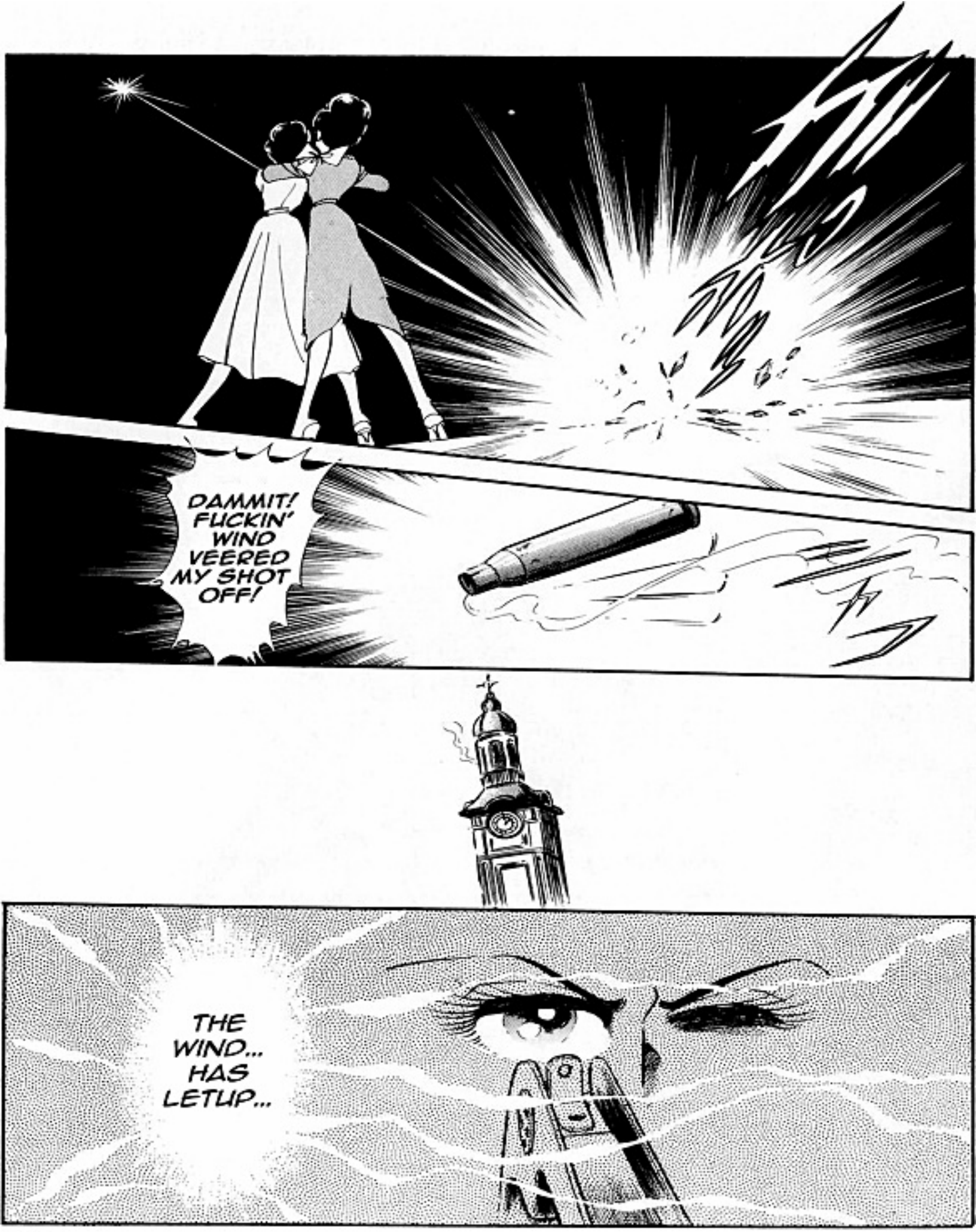
WHAT THE HELL !?
ARE YOU OUT OF YOUR MIND !?
メカッ…

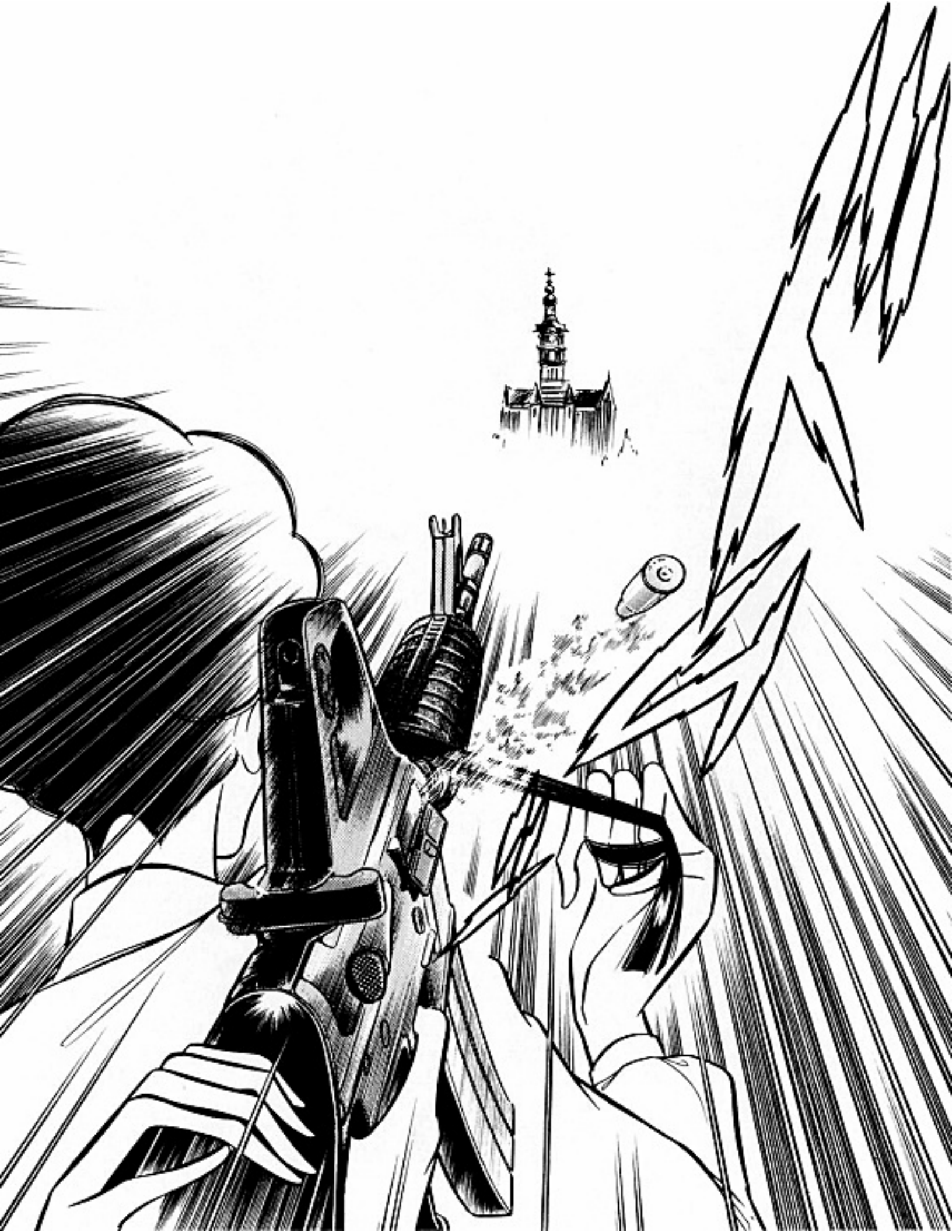
COMMANDER!!

I'M FINE!! JUST FOCUS ON THE TARGET!
HELGA!!
KCH...

IDIOTS!!
MORONS!!
HALF WITS !!
Don't get mad at me.
S-SOMEONE POURED JUNK INTO THE FUEL TANK... THEY SAID IT WON'T FLY.
WHAT DID HQ SAY? WHERE'S THE ATTACK CHOPPER!?
NO MATTER HOW MUCH THOSE GUYS SHOOT, THEY'LL NEVER HIT THE TARGET.
SHE'S READING THE WIND... SHOOTING AGAINST IT CAN SIGNIFICANTLY ALTER THE BULLET'S TRAJECTORY CAUSING IT TO MISS THE TARGET...
THE COMMANDER ISN'T SHOOTING...

WIND... PLEASE LETUP.
THE 5.56mm NATO FMJ IS A LIGHTWEIGHT, HIGH SPEED BULLET. IT IS NOT SUITED FOR CROSSWINDS.
FOOLS!! AT THAT DISTANCE, YOUR M16 WON'T BE HITTING JACK SHIT!
COUNTER TERRORISM SPECIALISTS MY ASS!!
WHAT A JOKE.
GO JOIN THE PRESIDENT IN THE NEXT WORLD.
COMMANDER!!


DAMMIT! FUCKIN' WIND VEERED MY SHOT OFF!
THE WIND... HAS LETUP...



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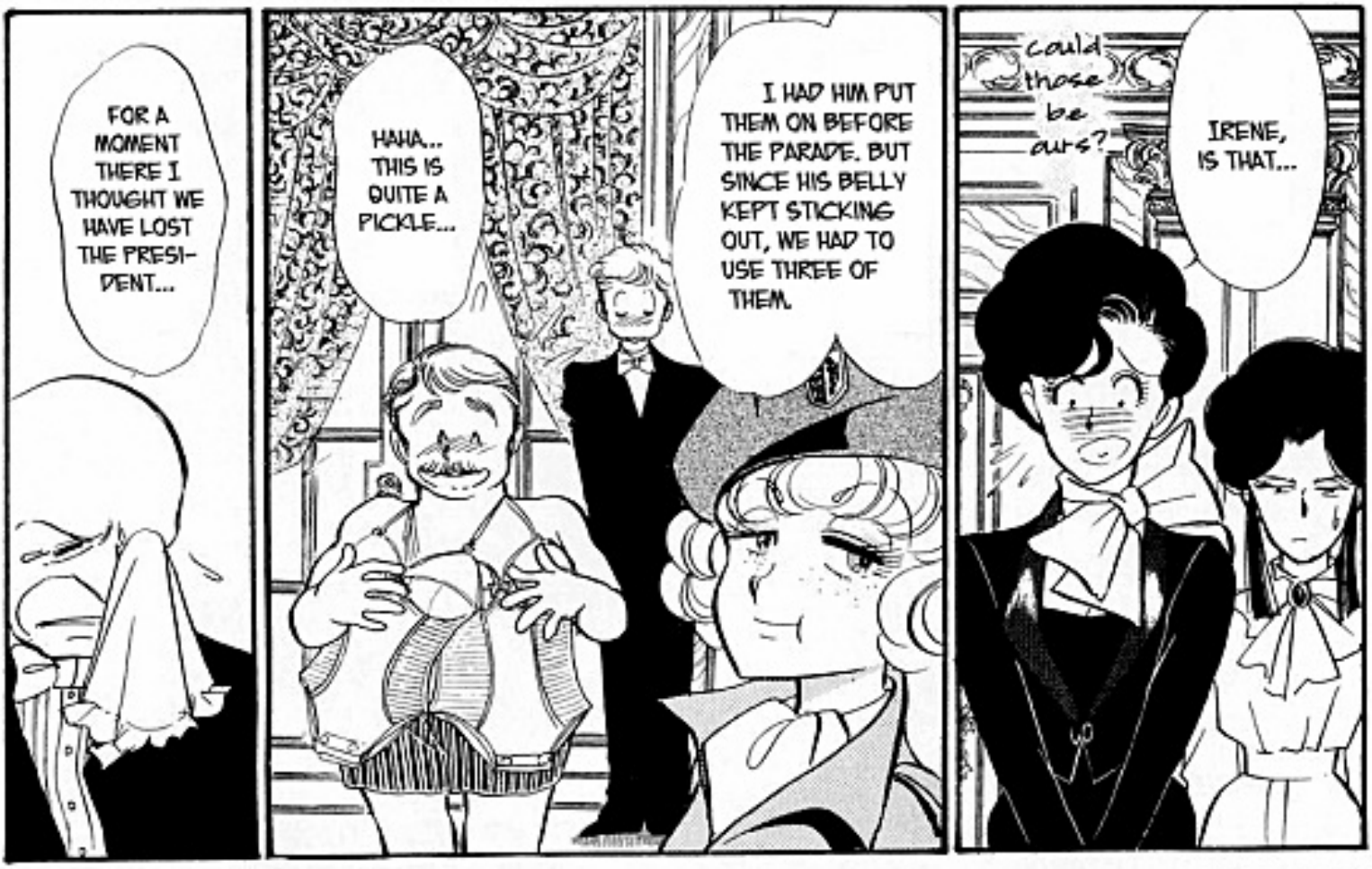
うわあ!
T-THOSE WOMEN... JUST WHO THE HELL ARE THEY...
I DON'T BELIEVE IT...
MARIE ...
HELGA... THANK YOU.
WE DID IT.
YEAH.

COMMANDER!!
HELGA!!
DELILAH... MUSTER THE TEAM AND CHECK ALL THE EQUIPMENT...
THIS MISSION IS A FAILURE... THEY GOT THE PRESIDENT.
THERE'S NO WAY HE COULD HAVE SURVIVED A .50 CALIBER ROUND.
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? HE'S FINE.
LOOK.

I-IS THAT SO...
LISTEN OLD MAN... IF YOU DON'T HURRY UP AND GET CHANGED, EVERYONE WILL THINK YOU'RE A PERVERT.


FOR A MOMENT THERE I THOUGHT WE HAVE LOST THE PRESI-DENT...
HAHA... THIS IS QUITE A PICKLE...
I HAD HIM PUT THEM ON BEFORE THE PARADE. BUT SINCE HIS BELLY KEPT STICKING OUT, WE HAD TO USE THREE OF THEM.
could those be ours?
IRENE, IS THAT...

ALL THAT MATTERS IS THAT YOU ARE SAFE.
YOU HAVE MY DEEPEST GRATITUDE.
THIS IS THE SECOND TIME YOU HAVE SAVED MY LIFE. YOUR EXPLOITS THESE PAST TWO DAYS HAVE ALSO BEEN BROUGHT TO MY ATTENTION.

MR. PRESIDENT, EVERYONE'S WAITING FOR YOU AT THE CEREMONIAL HALL...
OH... I'LL BE RIGHT THERE.
EVER SINCE I BECAME A POLITICIAN,
I HAVE PREPARED MYSELF FOR THE WORST.
BUT TO HAVE BEEN SAVED BY GODDESSES TWICE...
I SHALL DEVOTE ALL MY EFFORTS TO CREATING THE BEST POLICIES.
THANK YOU.
WE WISH YOU ALL THE BEST.
PACK IT UP!
MISSION COMPLETE!
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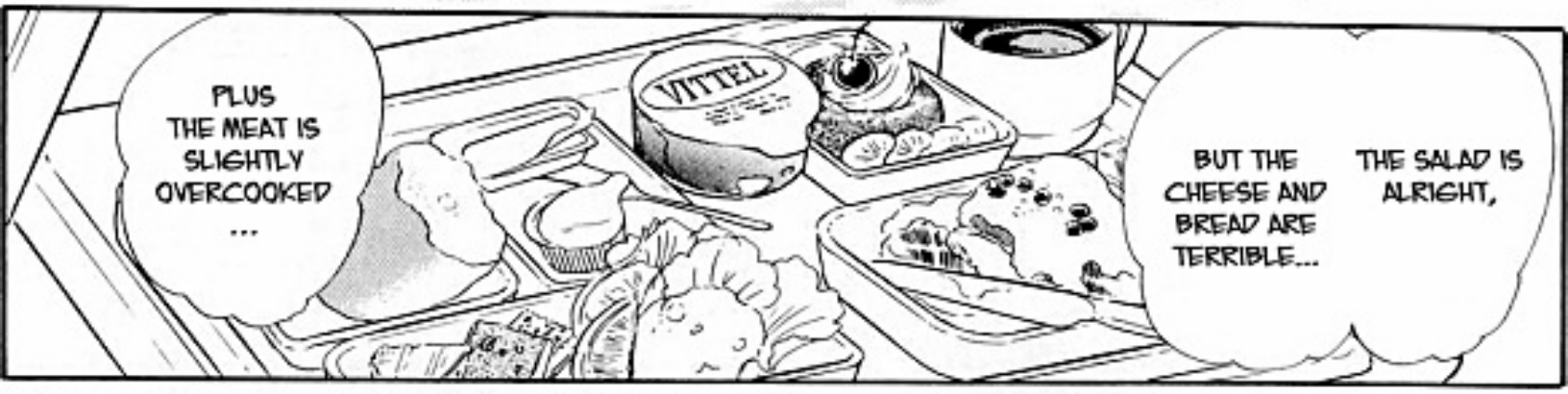
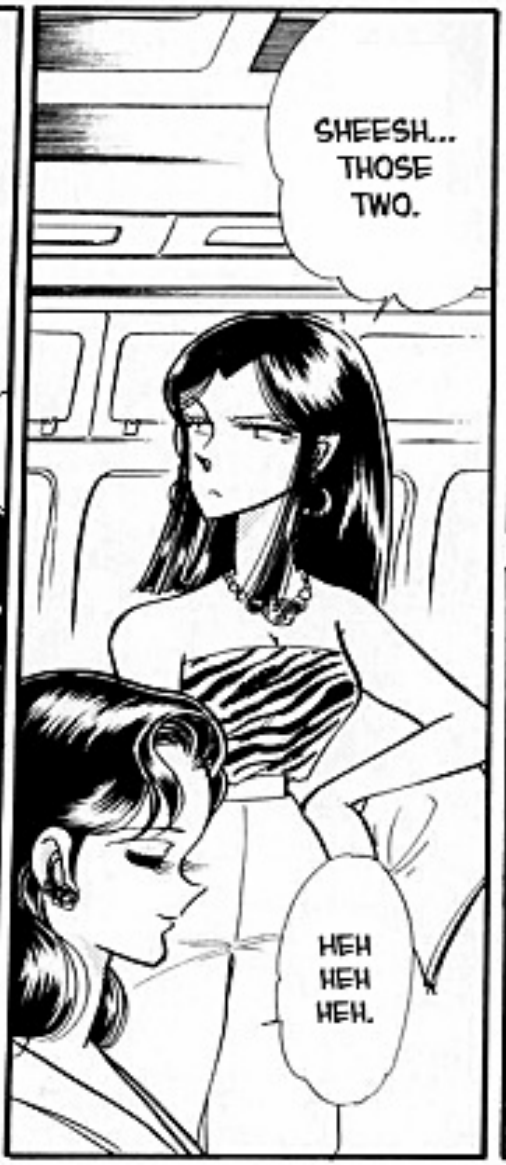
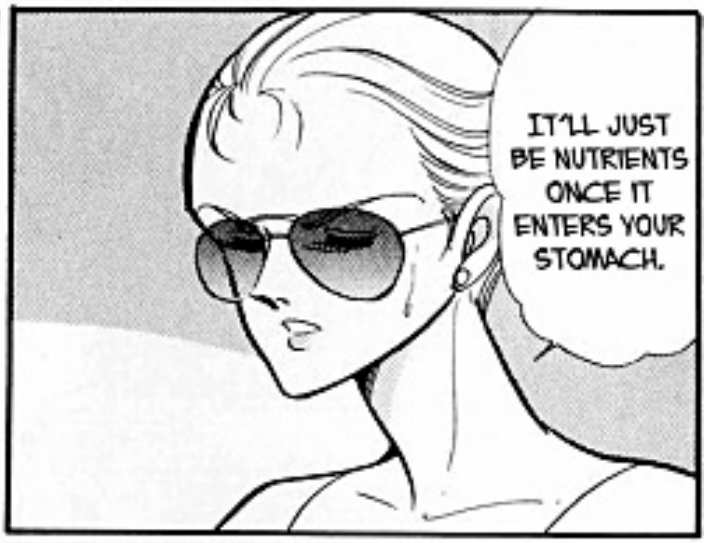
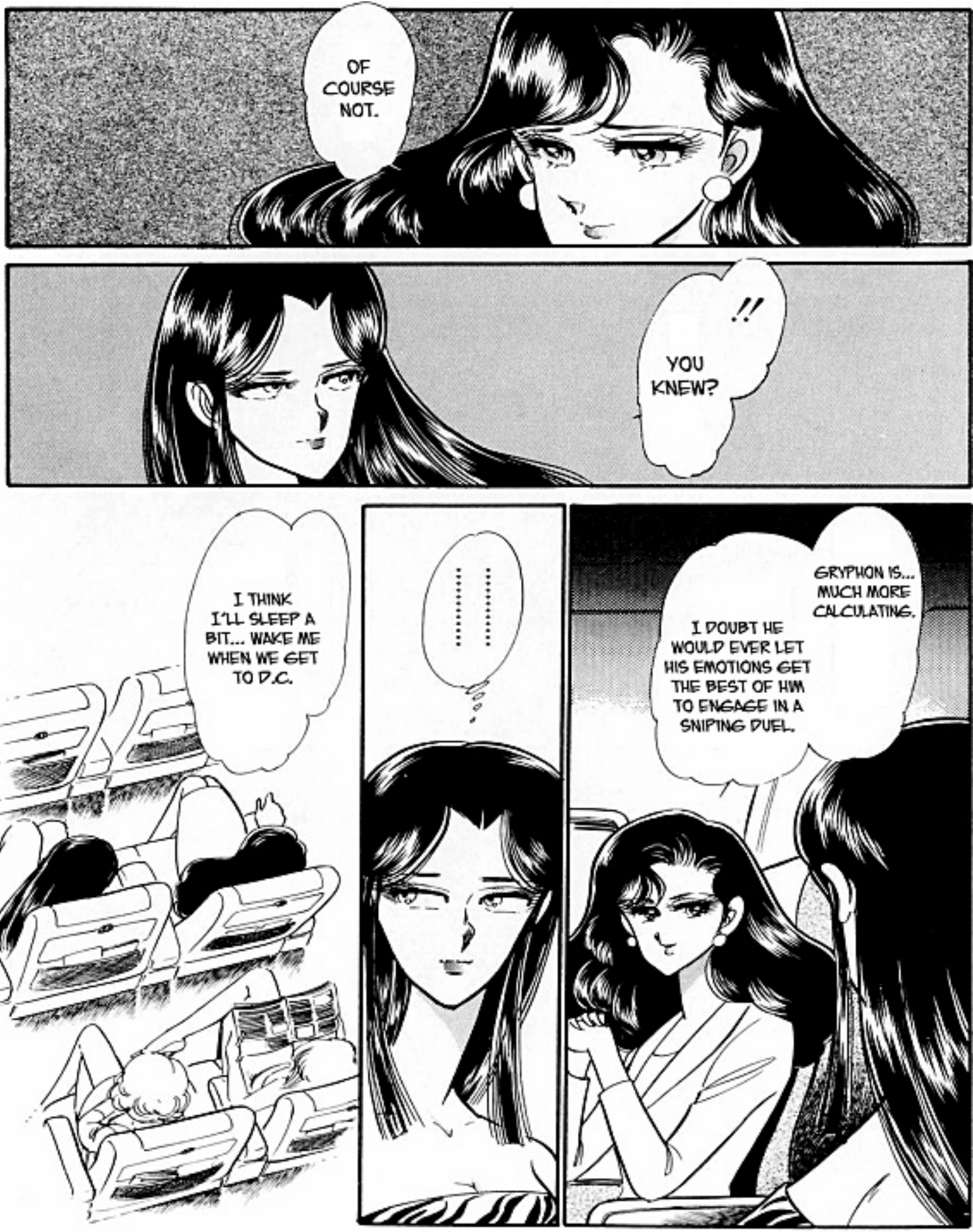

VITTEL
PLUS THE MEAT IS SLIGHTLY OVERCOOKED ...
BUT THE CHEESE AND BREAD ARE TERRIBLE...
THE SALAD IS ALRIGHT,

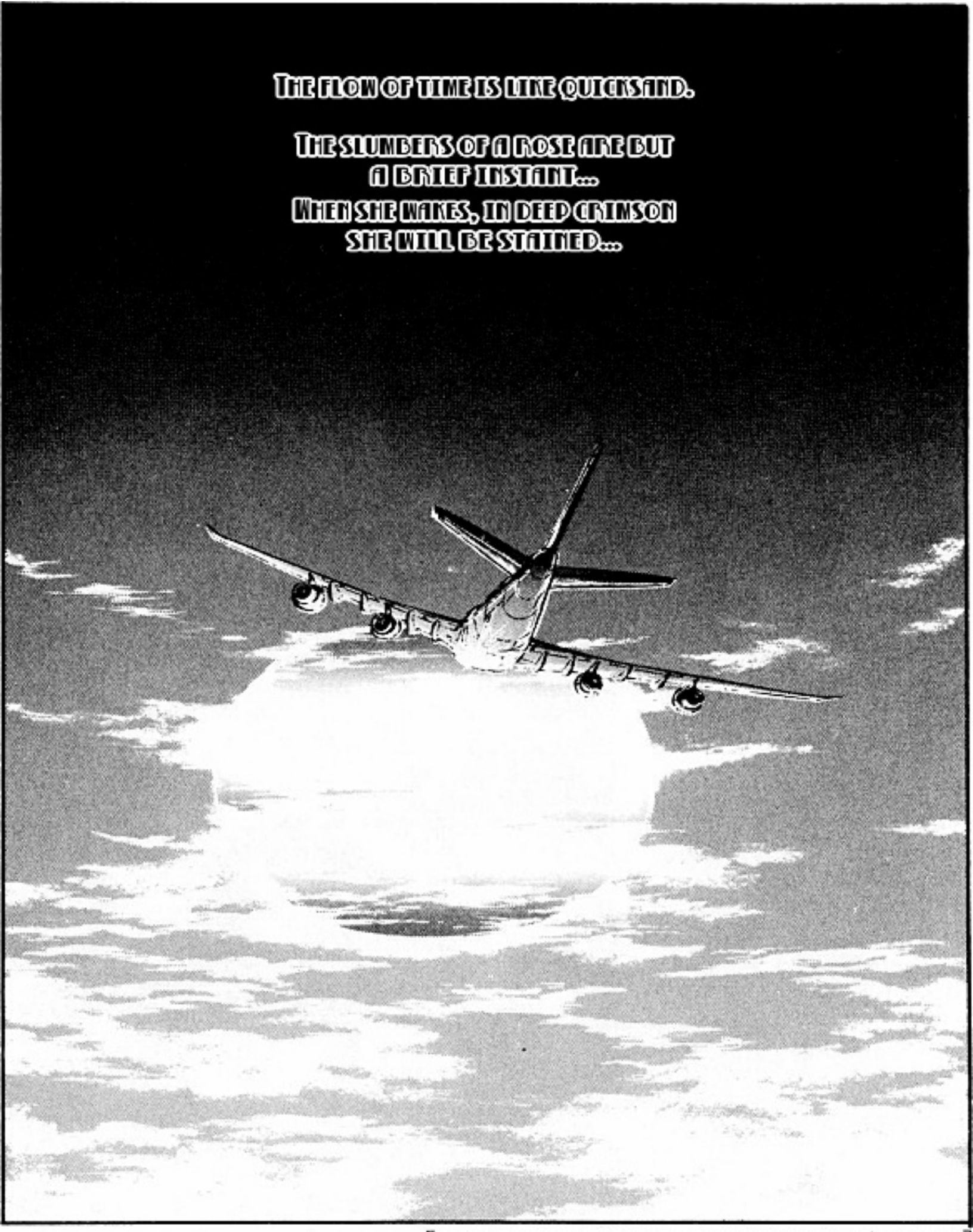
WE GOT WORD THAT THE SNIPER IN THE CLOCK TOWER WAS NOT GRYPHON.


SHEESH... THOSE TWO.
HEH HEH HEH.


IT'LL JUST BE NUTRIENTS ONCE IT ENTERS YOUR STOMACH.

SHUT IT!
EAT POORLY, AND IT'LL HAVE A BAD EFFECT ON YOUR CHARACTER!


OF COURSE NOT.
!!
YOU KNEW?
I THINK I'LL SLEEP A BIT... WAKE ME WHEN WE GET TO D.C.
.....
GRYPHON IS... MUCH MORE CALCULATING.
I DOUBT HE WOULD EVER LET HIS EMOTIONS GET THE BEST OF HIM TO ENGAGE IN A SNIPING DUEL.


The flow of time is like quicksand.
The slumbers of a rose are but a brief instant...
When she wakes, in deep crimson she will be stained...

[File 2: BOOMERANG (CONCLUSION) END]

File:3 The White Emperor

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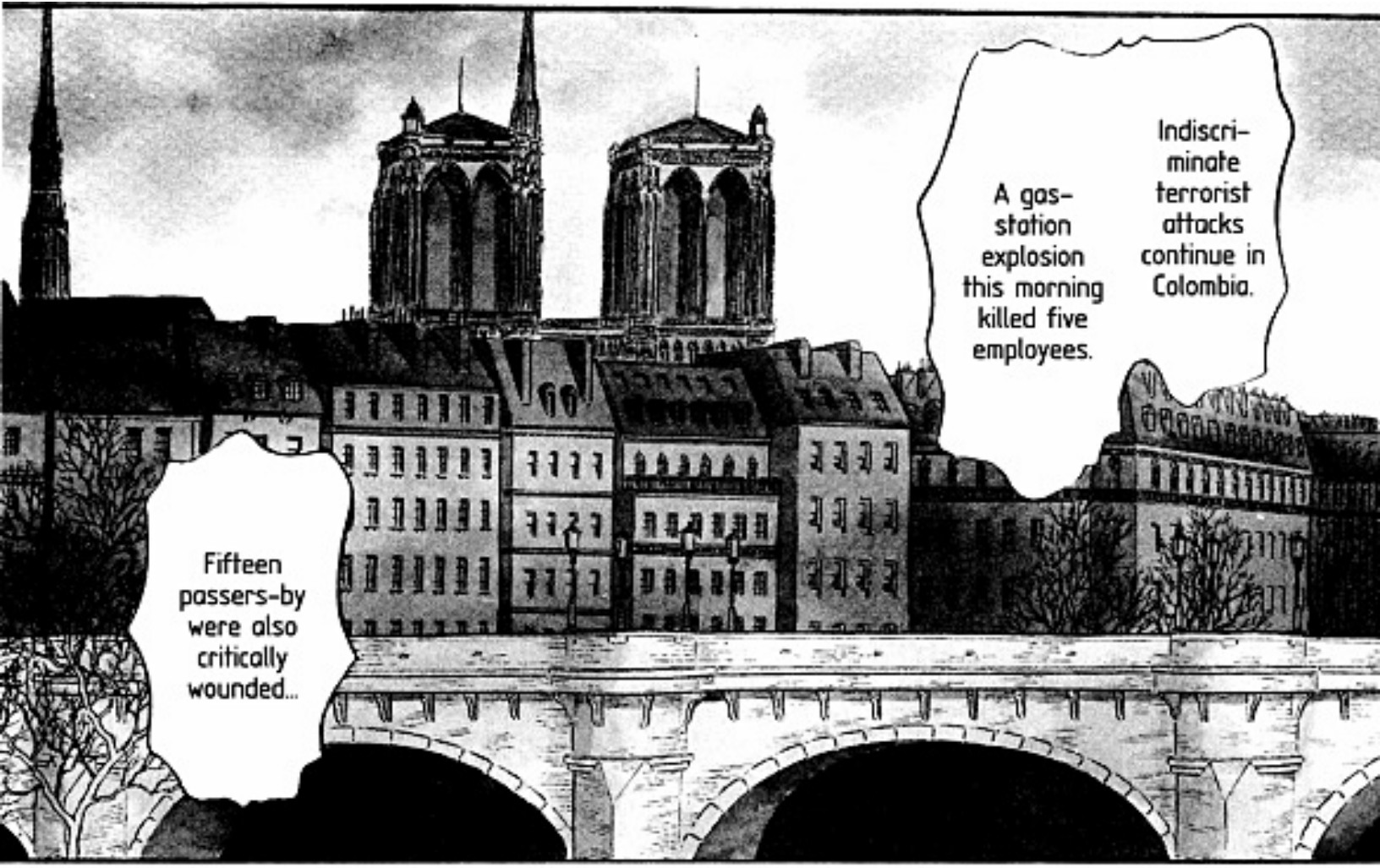
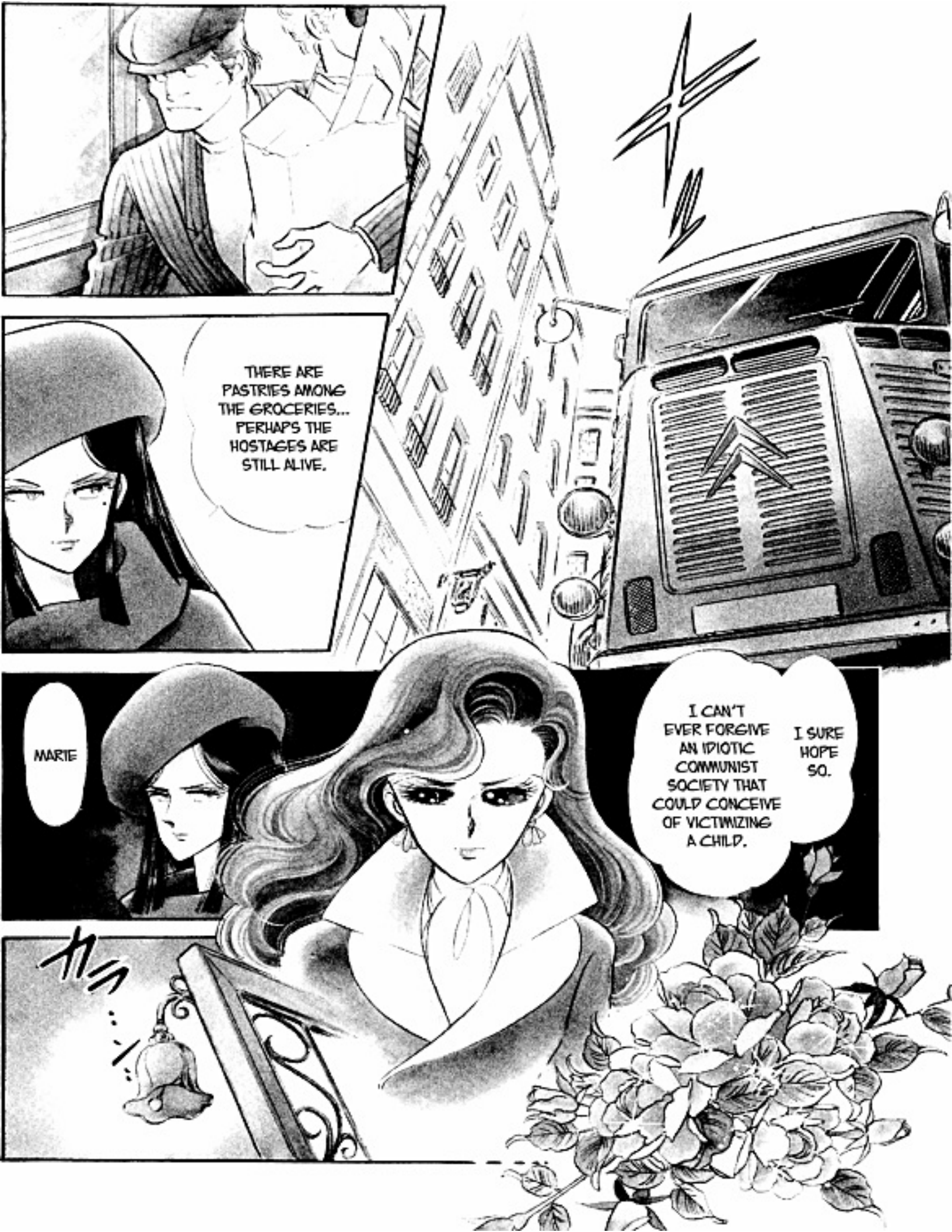
File 3: The White Emperor (1)


Indiscriminate terrorist attacks continue in Colombia.
A gas-station explosion this morning killed five employees.
Fifteen passers-by were also critically wounded...

HERE IT COMES, HELGA...

BUT IT'S JUST PLAIN ANNOYING TO PERSIST IN KILLING BYSTANDERS...
THEY'RE MORE THAN WELCOME TO DECLARE THEIR PRINCIPLES AND POSITIONS.
BUT THAT'S NOT HOW THEY SEE IT.

UH-HUH
INDISCRIMINATE... I RATHER LOATHE THAT.


THERE ARE PASTRIES AMONG THE GROCERIES... PERHAPS THE HOSTAGES ARE STILL ALIVE.
MARIE
I CAN'T EVER FORGIVE AN IDIOTIC COMMUNIST SOCIETY THAT COULD CONCEIVE OF VICTIMIZING A CHILD.
I SURE HOPE SO.

BRING OUT THE CHILDREN.
WELCOME
MAY I HELP YOU?
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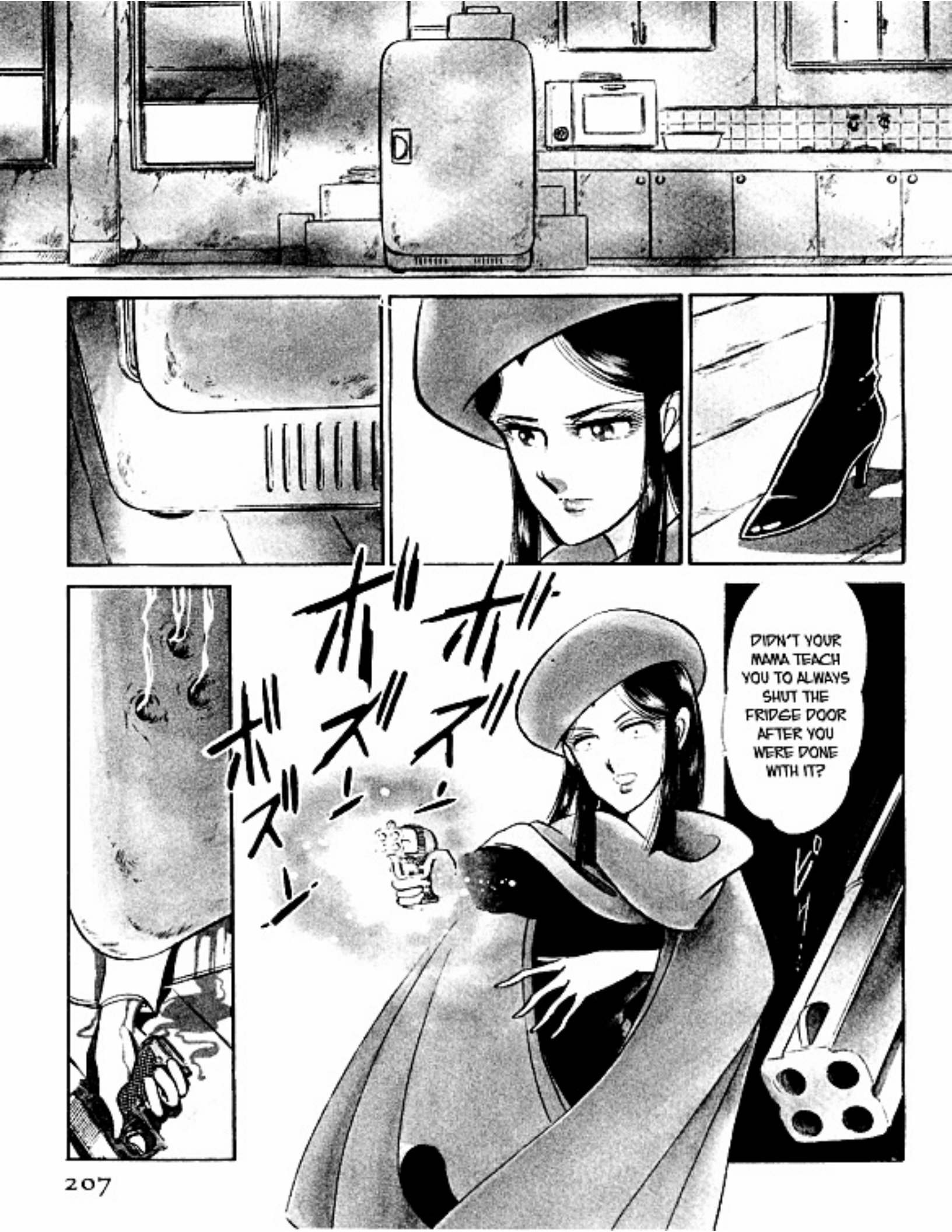
OWE

Huh...
INJURIES DON'T HEAL LIKE THEY DID WHEN YOU WERE YOUNG.
I- Imperial Pig!!
IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO NEGOTIATE. GIVE ME THE CHILD...PLEASE.
NEGO- TIATIONS TERMI- NATED...

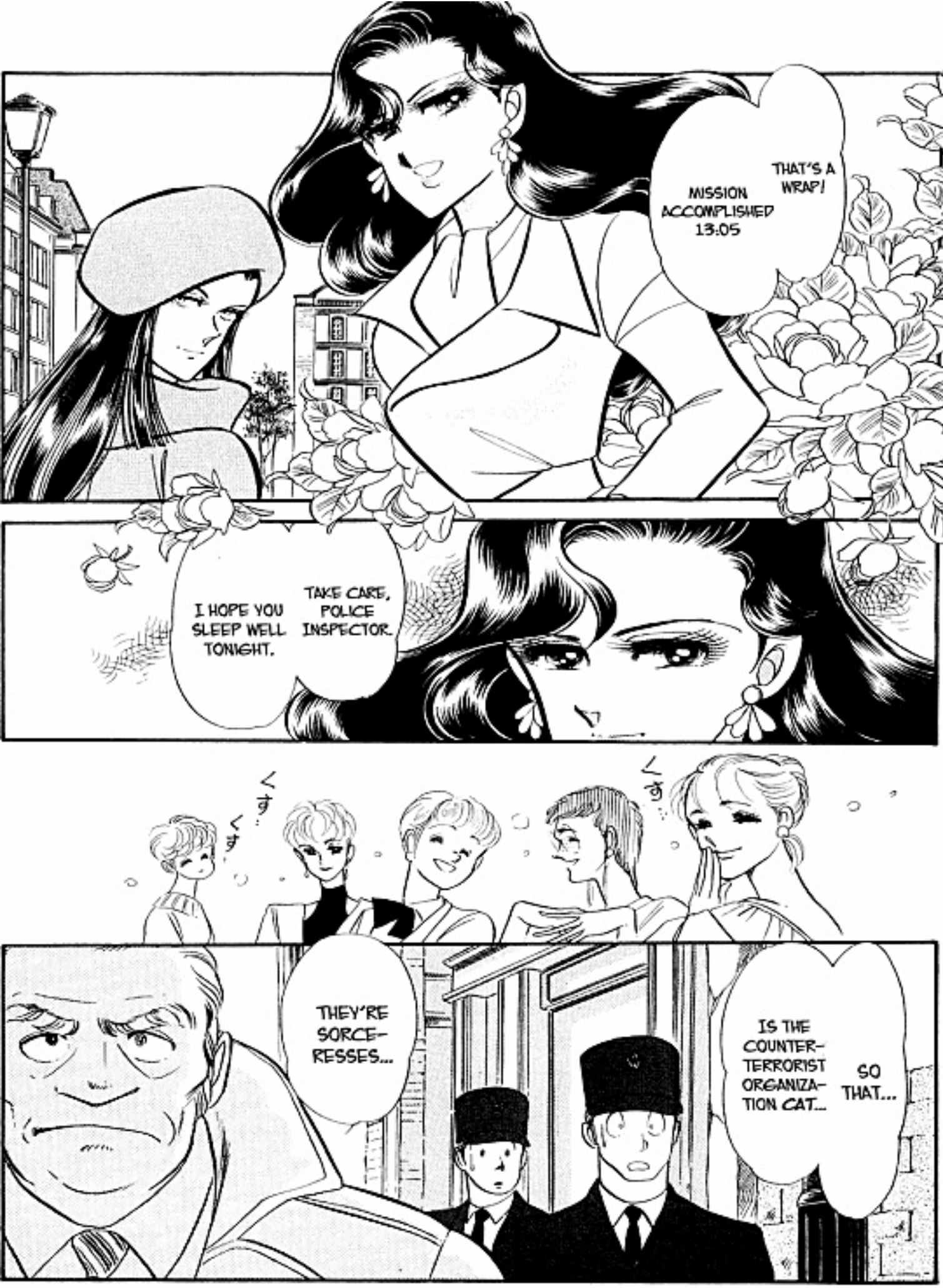
THAT GIVENCHY COAT MUST HAVE BEEN PRICEY.
A NE-CESSARY EXPENSE.
!!
DROP YOUR WEAPONS AND SUR-RENDER!!

YOU TAKE THE RIGHT SIDE.


DIDN'T YOUR MAMA TEACH YOU TO ALWAYS SHUT THE FRIDGE DOOR AFTER YOU WERE DONE WITH IT?

I WONDER IF SOME RAN AWAY.
THAT'S NOT ALL OF THEM.
HELGA
DOES THAT ACCOUNT FOR THE REST?
LIN
BRING THE CAR AROUND AT ONCE.
EVERYTHING'S ALRIGHT NOW. LET'S HEAD HOME.
I THINK THE BOOK IS CLOSED.

FOUR?
TH-THAT'S AMAZING... WITH JUST FOUR PEOPLE...
SNIC-KER...
GEH...


THAT'S A WRAP!
MISSION ACCOMPLISHED 13:05
TAKE CARE, POLICE INSPECTOR.
I HOPE YOU SLEEP WELL TONIGHT.
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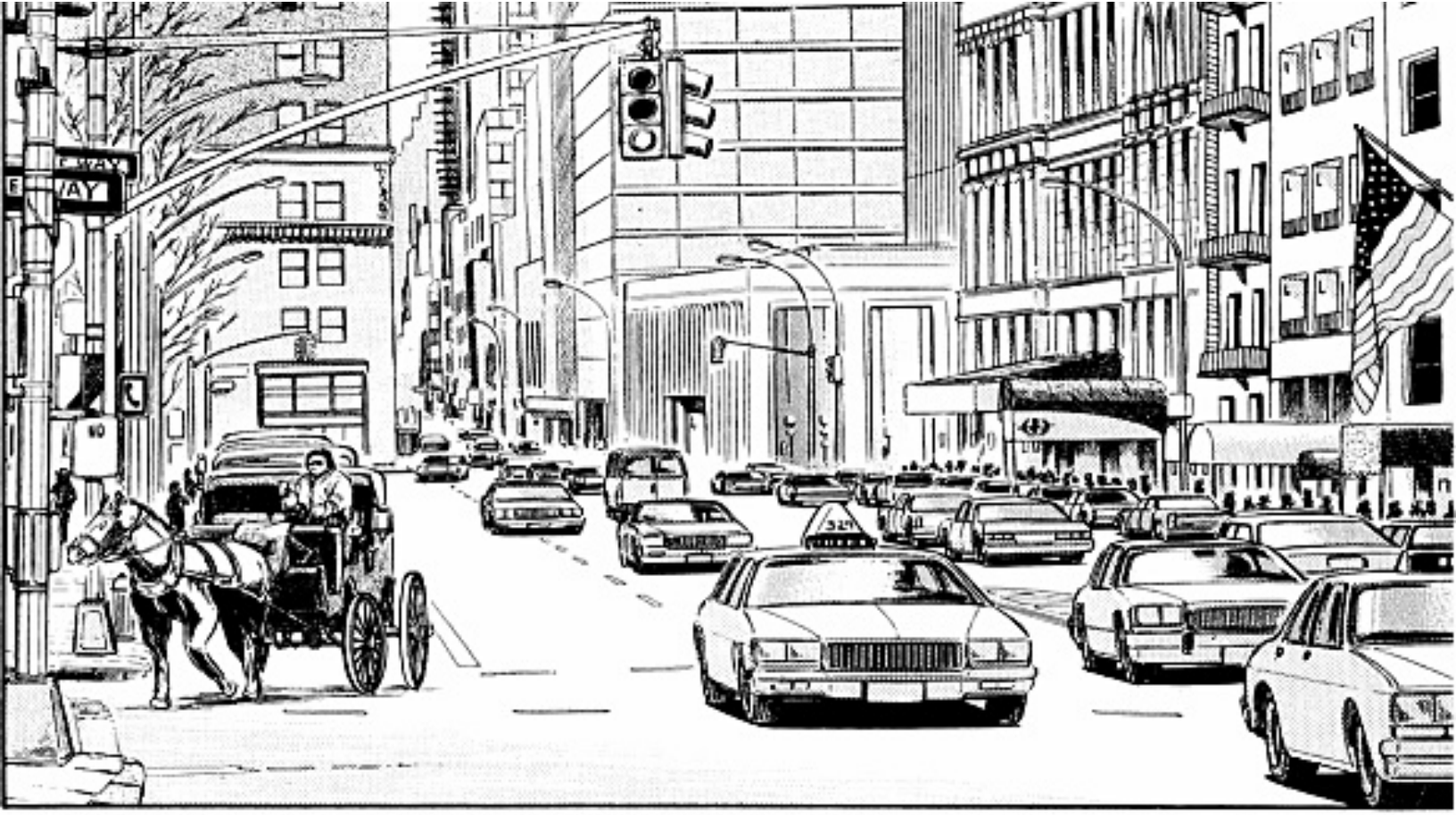
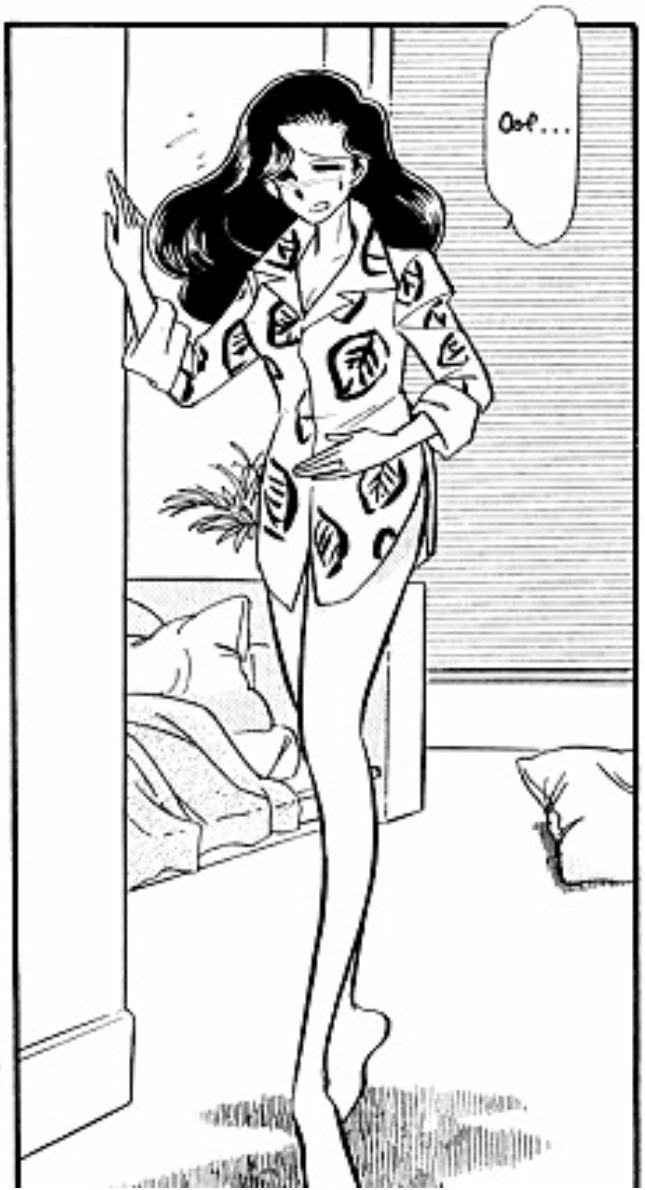
SO THAT...
IS THE COUNTER-TERRORIST ORGANIZATION CAT...
THEY'RE SORCE-RESSES...

Day before yesterday, the Minister of Justice's oldest son was kidnapped by terrorists.
He was rescued without a scratch this afternoon...
THEY HAVE TO BE... SORCE-RESSES ...



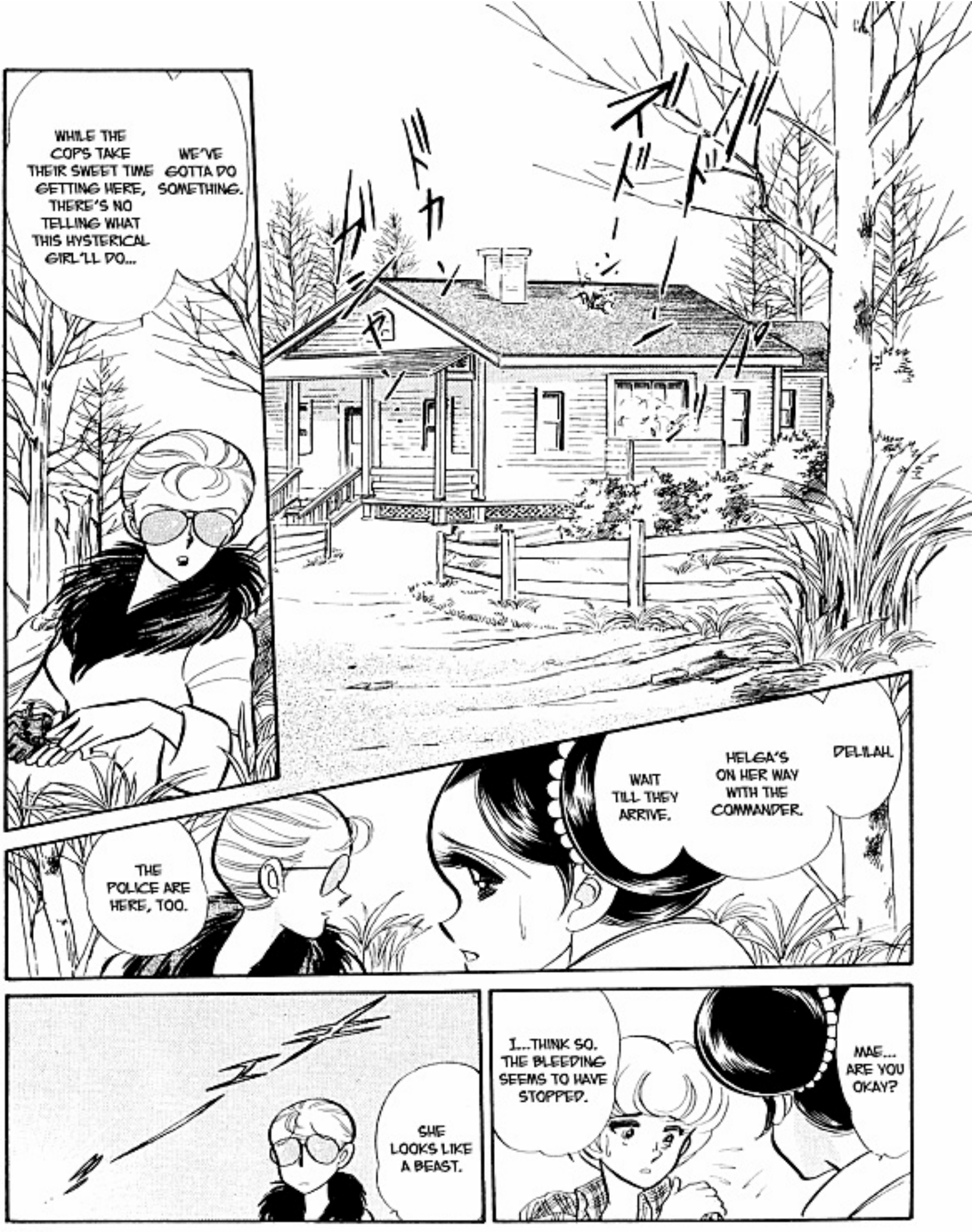
TAMPAX
slim

Uhhh
TOILET


Oof...

ringing
Ignore it, ignore it. Turn away. Yeah.
gurgle
I HATE THIS!!
STOMACH, QUIT CALLING OUT WITHOUT PERMISSION!
HELLO?
AHH... HELGA

SORRY TO CALL YOU WHEN YOU ARE UNDER THE WEATHER...
NO PROBLEM... DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT...
SO... WHAT'S THE SITUATION WITH CECILE?
NO IDEA... BUT HER HOUSEMATE MAE'S REALLY DISTURBED ...
ARE LIN AND DELILAH THERE YET?
I THINK SO... I DON'T THINK THERE'S A TERRIBLE RUSH, THOUGH...
SURELY... DESPITE HER LOOKS, SHE HAS TO UNDERSTAND.
I... HOPE SO.
Carrera 2
PORSCHE


WHILE THE COPS TAKE THEIR SWEET TIME GETTING HERE, THERE'S NO TELLING WHAT THIS HYSTERICAL GIRL'LL DO...
WE'VE GOTTA DO SOMETHING.
THE POLICE ARE HERE, TOO.
WAIT TILL THEY ARRIVE.
HELGA'S ON HER WAY WITH THE COMMANDER.
DELILAH.
SHE LOOKS LIKE A BEAST.
I...THINK SO. THE BLEEDING SEEMS TO HAVE STOPPED.
MAE... ARE YOU OKAY?

COMMAN-DER!!
LIN!!
SHE STARTED MUTTERING THINGS LIKE "RED" AND "KILL IT"...
...THEN SUDDENLY YESTER-DAY...
ABOUT TWO MONTHS AGO SHE STARTED ACTING A BIT STRANGE...
MAE...WHAT HAPPENED?
COMMAN-DER
EVERYONE... PUT AWAY YOUR GUNS.
EVEN THOUGH THERE AREN'T ANY HOUSES ABOUT HERE, THEY'LL BE BANG-BANG SHOOTING THE PLACE UP BEFORE LONG.
THE COPS HAVE ARRIVED...
OH DEAR.

UWAH!!
WHAT'S GOING ON HERE!?
EXACTLY WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE.
I'M CALLING IN BACKUP.
PLEASE WAIT A MINUTE.
I'LL TRY PERSUASION FIRST.
PERSUA-SION? NOW JUST A MINUTE!
ATTENTION!!

THE COMMANDER'S ORDER SNAPPED HER BACK TO SANITY.
HER TRAINING CUTS TO THE CORE.
DO YOU MEAN TO SHOOT YOUR OWN TEAM!?
GUN DOWN AT ONCE, CECILE!
Commander... Marie
.....
DO YOU RECOGNIZE ME?

...CAT...
Division M...
Serial Number
ME-288310
Cecile
Butler
...
THAT'S RIGHT...
WHAT'S YOUR AFFILIATION?
C-
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man-
der
...
I
can't
...any-
more...
IT'S OKAY. DON'T WORRY.
I'LL ALWAYS BE ON YOUR SIDE.
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CAN YOU TRY TELLING ME?
WHAT FRIGHTENS YOU SO MUCH?
LOOKS LIKE SHE'S SETTLED DOWN. THAT'S OUR COMMANDER..
I WASN'T SURE WHAT I WAS GOING TO DO THERE.
AH!!
...I CAN SMELL THE BLOOD...
COMMANDER... RIGHT NOW... YOU'RE ON YOUR PERIOD.
EH?
Gross... Surely not...
HMPH...

RED...
IT'S RED...
BLOOD... IS OOZING OUT...YOUR BODY IS DECAYING...
CECILE!!
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING? COLLECT YOURSELF!
THE BLOOD FROM THE CRACK...
IS CALL-ING...
THE ENEMY ...
IT'S CALLING THE ENEMY!!
KYAHHH
CECILE!!

THE... CAUSE ...?
COCAINE WITHDRAWAL SYMPTOMS WERE THE IMMEDIATE CAUSE OF THAT MADNESS.
THE REASON SHE WAS TAKING COCAINE WAS DUE TO THE RELENTLESS SCHEDULE OF MISSIONS...

MARIE

THE REASON TERRORISTS WON'T STOP COMING IS BECAUSE POLITICS IS SO DAMNED IDIOTIC.
THE RELENTLESS SCHEDULE OF MISSIONS WAS DUE TO THE FACT THAT NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES WE CRUSH THEM, THE TERRORISTS RISE YET AGAIN...

YES
THIS IS HELGA.
YOU'LL RECEIVE EVERY DETAIL IN THE REPORT.

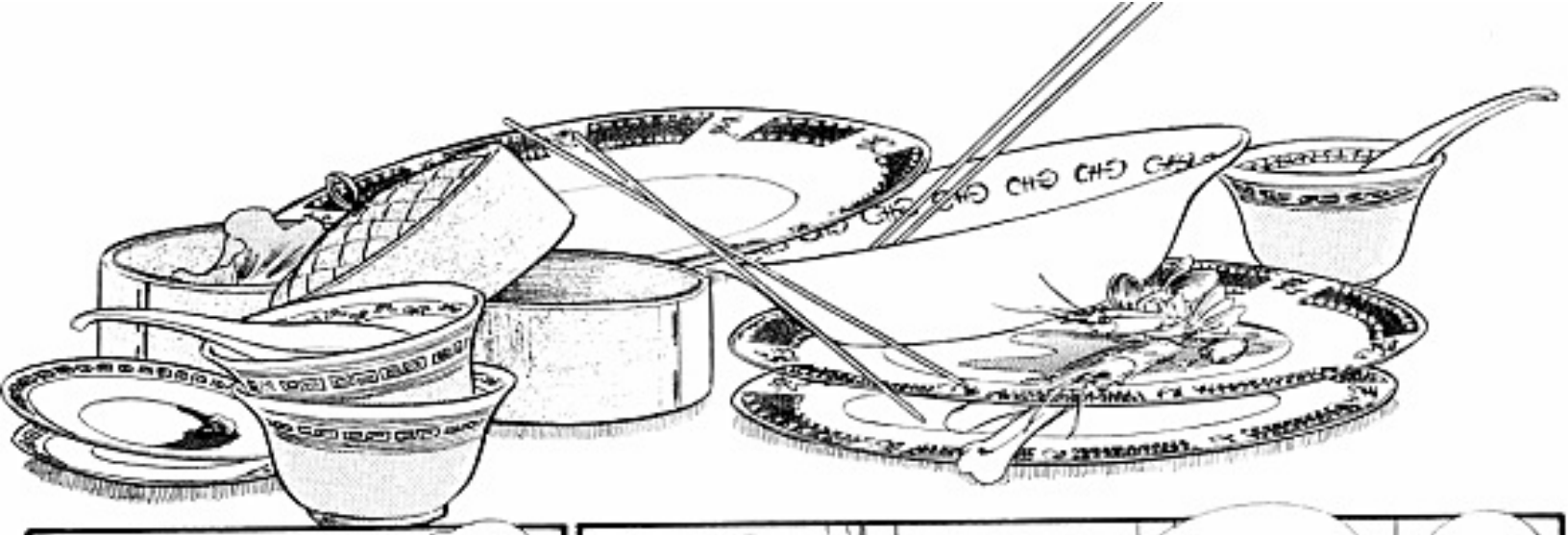
YES...AT LEAST... HER LIFE WAS SPARED.
...BECAUSE THE BLADE DIDN'T CUT AN ARTERY...
UH-HUH... SHE NEEDS TO RECUPERATE IN HOSPITAL...

SO...ALL THIS TIME THE PRESSURE HAS BEEN BUILDING ON HER...
I COULD ALWAYS RELY ON HER TO LEAD A PLATOON.
CECILE IS A TOP-NOTCH OFFENSIVE AGENT.
BUT...
ONLY A FOOL WOULD TRY TO USE DRUGS TO HEAL THE HEART.
IT ISN'T ANYONE'S FAULT!!
MARIE
IT'S MY FAULT...
HELGA...
IF IT HAPPENED DURING A MISSION, I'D HAVE SHOT HER DEAD ON THE SPOT BEFORE SHE COULD STAB HERSELF.
I MIGHT SOUND CALLOUS, BUT I'M RELIEVED THIS DIDN'T HAPPEN DURING A MISSION.

COLD-BLOODED!
EHHH!!
HELGA SAID THAT!?
CORN
SHE ALWAYS HAS.
SHE SAYS STUFF LIKE THAT ON PURPOSE.
NO WAY SHE COULD'VE DONE IT FOR REAL.
SHE ONLY SAID IT...
SOMETIMES SHE DOES THIS WITH HER EYES.
BUT, HELGA..
LIN
GLANCE GLANCE... LIKE
SHE MOVES THEM AROUND KEEPING HER HEAD STILL... LIKE A ROBOT.
.....

.....
Please don't kill anyone in the kitchen.
QYAHHH... SHE'S HERE!
IF YOU GO CRAZY...I'LL SHOOT YOU DEAD IN A HEARTBEAT.
...What should I chow down on first...
I'M SO SORRY I STARE AT YOU LIKE A ROBOT.
YOU COULD DO THAT AT YOUR OWN PLACE.
THAT ROOM OVER THERE. I WAS TYPING UP A REPORT.
WHERE DID YOU COME FROM!?
...SHEESH. TALKING ABOUT A PERSON LIKE SHE'S A MONSTER...
WHAT'S WITH THIS GIRL?
WHAT... DELA IS HERE TOO!?
I FOUND OUT WHERE THE COCAINE CAME FROM.
BECAUSE MARIE HAS TO LOOK IT OVER EITHER WAY, HERE IS MORE CONVENIENT.

DINNER!
SO... WHAT ARE YOU HERE FOR?
THEN GET TO WORK MAKING IT.
WHAT'S WITH ALL THIS WORK TALK?
IT'S THE COM-MANDER'S DAY OFF.
Quit sticking your boobs out!!
THIS IS THE ONE PLACE I HAVE ACCESS TO THE CIA AND DEFENSE LINES AND THE LIKE.
DON'T SPOIL HER.
SHE'S JUST A BRAT.
Bikkuri
I'LL... I'LL HELP YOU.
QUIT IT! YOU THREE ARE LIKE CHILDREN!
WE'LL TALK AFTER YOU'VE MADE SOMETHING EDIBLE.
YOU CAN'T HAVE ANY.
Takes one to know one!



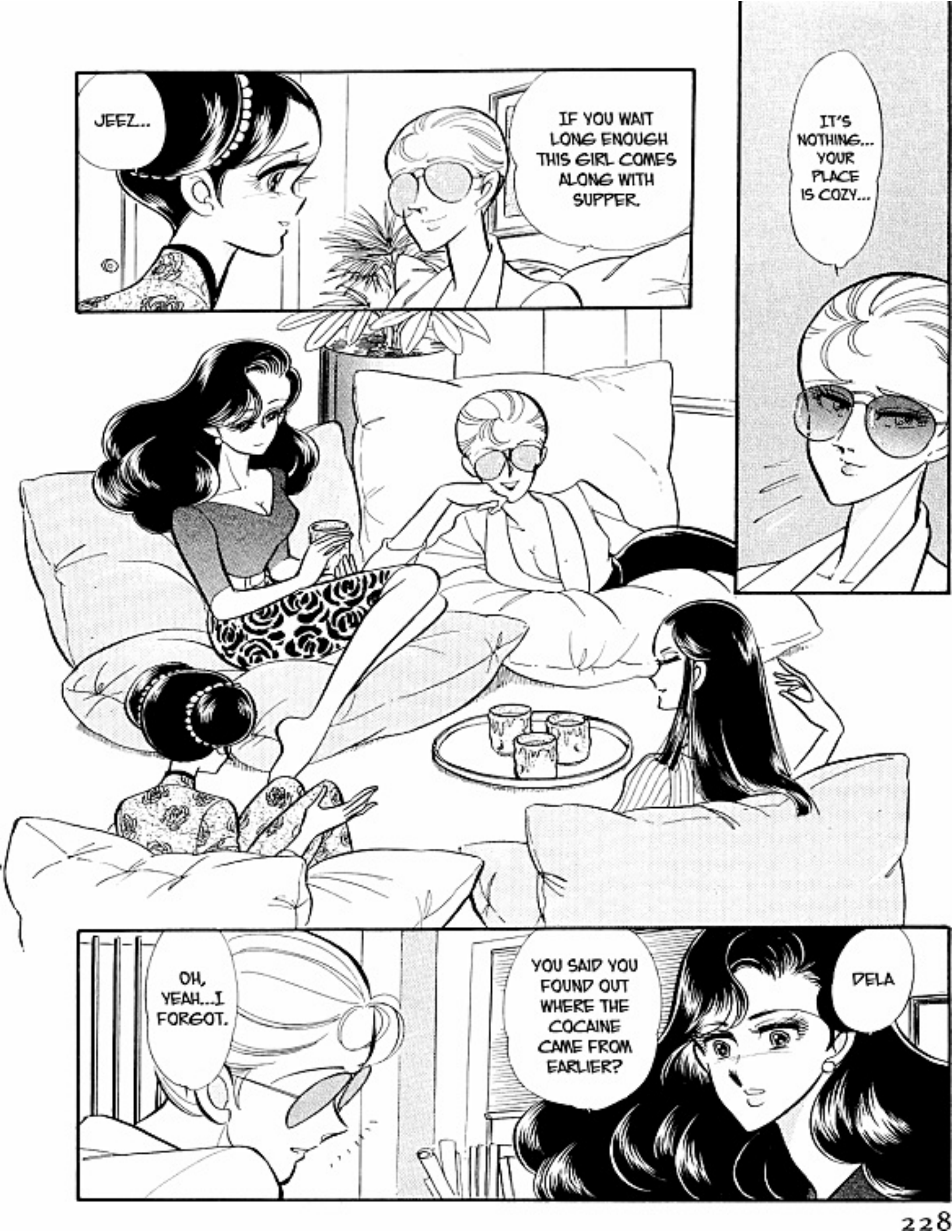
HERE... FRESH TEA.

I CAN'T EAT ANOTHER BITE.
PHEW... I ATE SO MUCH.
OOF

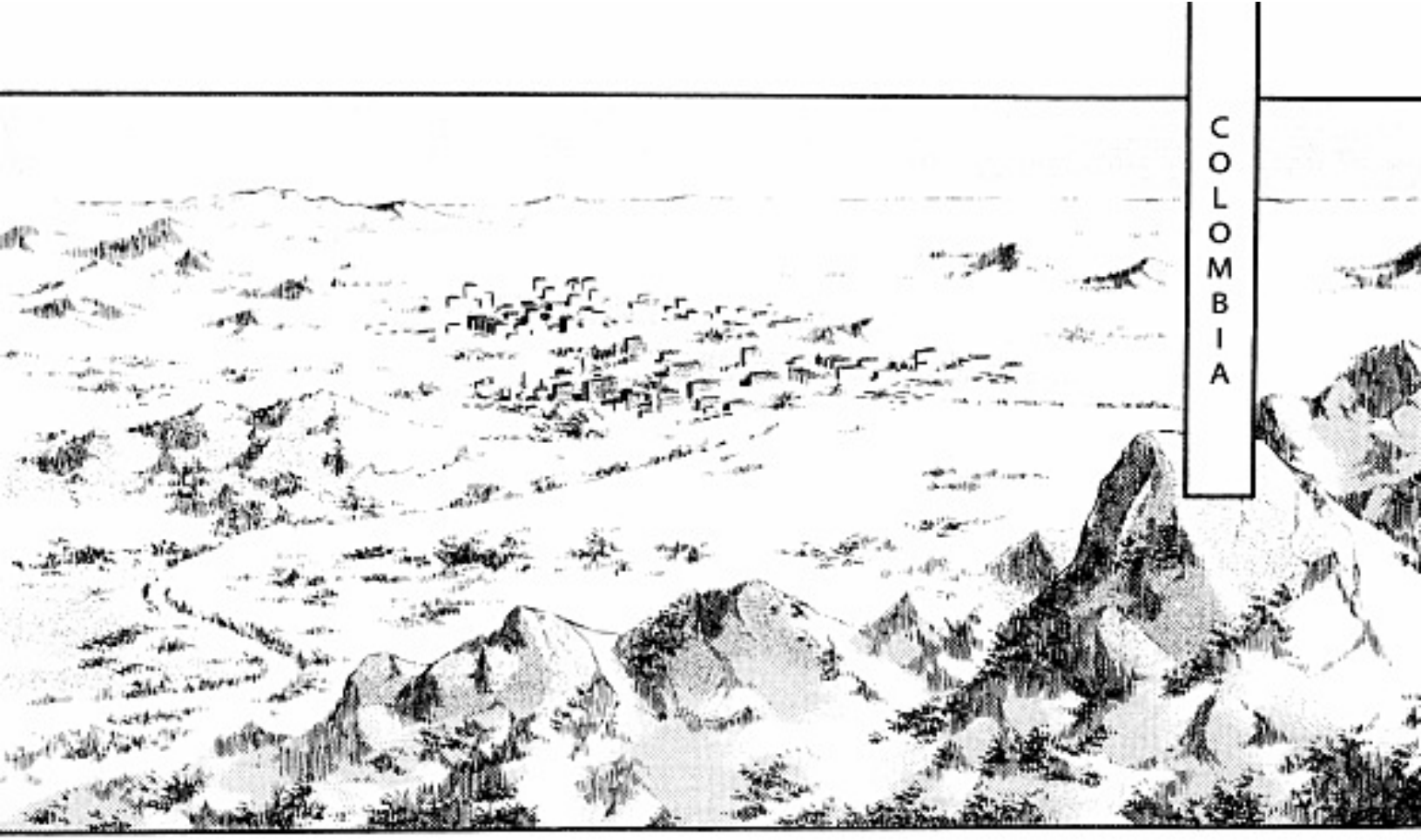
MARIE

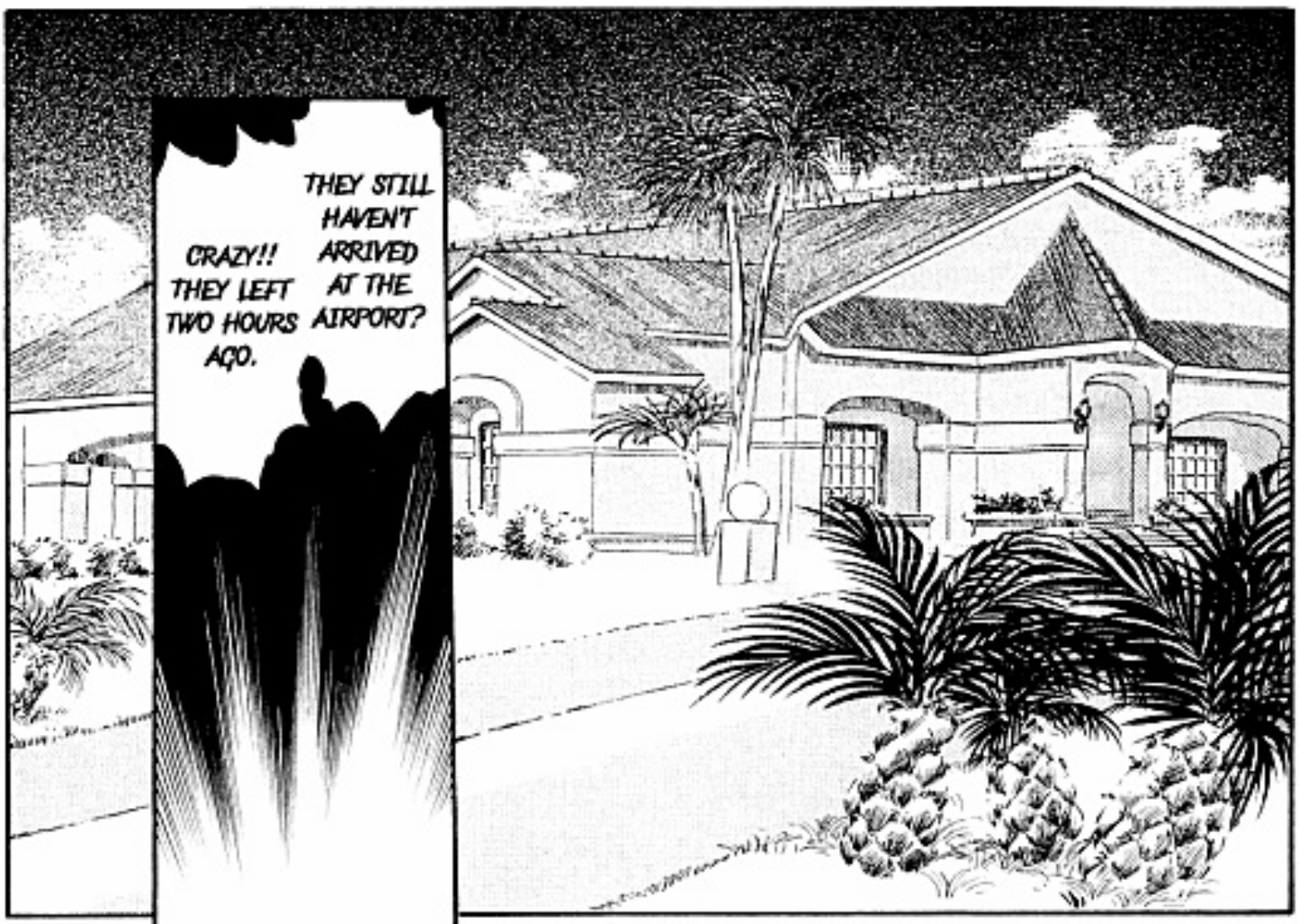
YOU'RE ALL HERE TO CHEER ME UP WHEN I WAS FEELING DOWN...
THANK YOU, EVERY-ONE.

THAT'S OKAY. YOU MADE SO MUCH GOOD FOOD.
I WAS SUPPOSED TO DO IT.


JEEZ...
IF YOU WAIT LONG ENOUGH THIS GIRL COMES ALONG WITH SUPPER.
IT'S NOTHING... YOUR PLACE IS COZY...
OH, YEAH...I FORGOT.
YOU SAID YOU FOUND OUT WHERE THE COCAINE CAME FROM EARLIER?
DELA

CECILE'S CRACK COCAINE PROBABLY CAME IN ON THE SOUTH AMERICAN ROUTE.
IT'S STARTING TO BE A REAL DILEMMA...
COLOM- BIA...
UH-HUH...NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT, WE HEARD SOMETHING ABOUT IT ON THE TELEVISION IN FRONT OF THE ELECTRONICS STORE WHERE WE WERE STAKED OUT IN PARIS...
HUGE AMOUNTS OF COCAINE ARE FLOWING OUT OF COLOMBIA INTO THE UNITED STATES...
THE SMUGGLERS CALL THE PURE HIGH-END STUFF
THE WHITE EMPEROR.


COLOMBIA

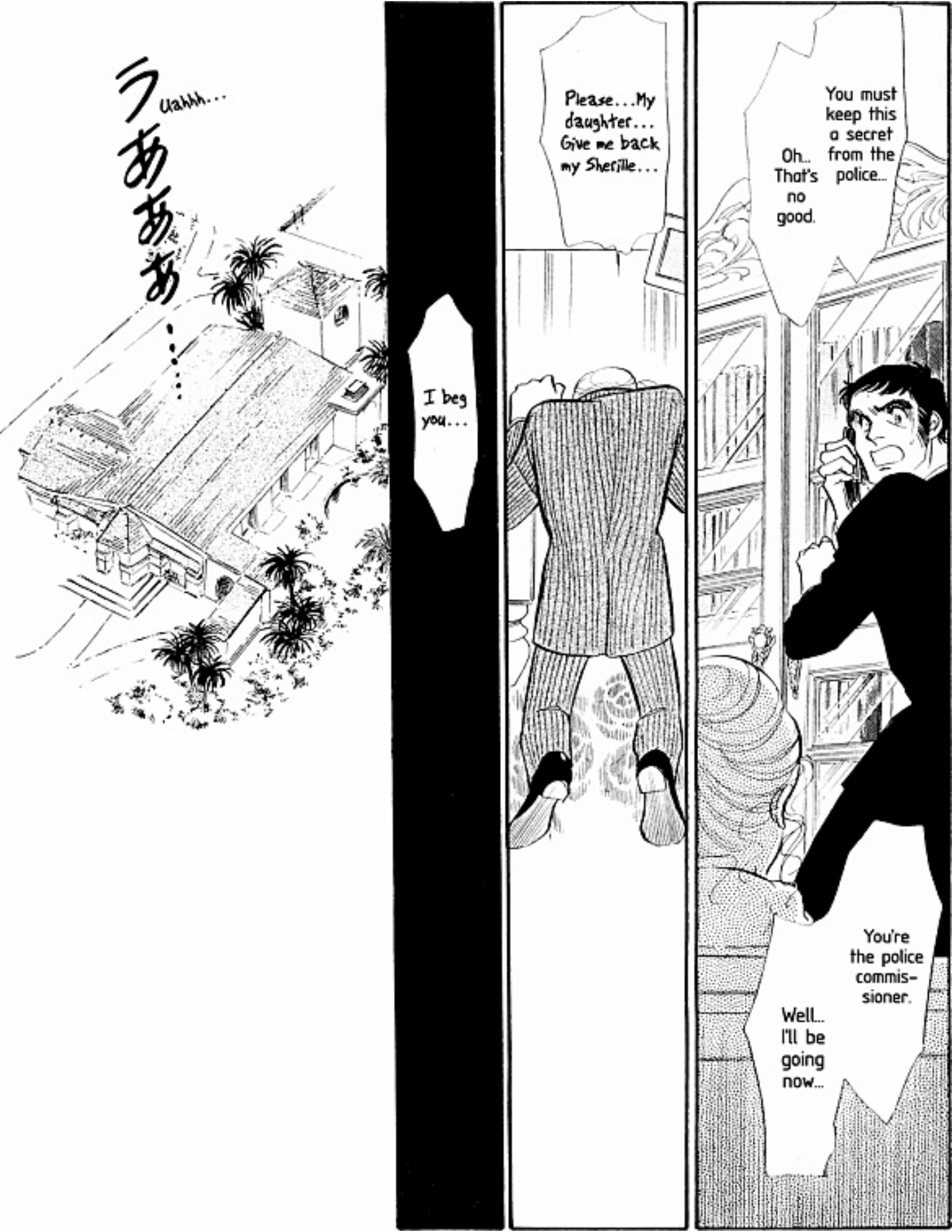

THEY STILL HAVEN'T ARRIVED AT THE AIRPORT?
CRAZY!! THEY LEFT TWO HOURS AGO.

HEY
SIR
A PAC-KAGE?
WHAT COULD THAT BE?
A PACKAGE ARRIVED FOR YOU...
UMM... SEÑOR
NO ANSWER? WHAT DO YOU MEAN!?
SURELY THERE'S A PHONE IN THE CAR!!
OPEN IT.
IT'S NOT A BOMB.
THERE'S NO METAL INSIDE.

WAHHH
N-NANCY. UH...AHHH
S-SEÑORA
AWA WA
!!

WHAT ABOUT SHE-RILLE!?
MY DAUGHTER!!
WHY... YOU!!
I GUESS YOU HAVE RECEIVED THE SEÑORA'S HEAD...
P- PLEASE STOP! DON'T HARM HER..
WHAT DO YOU WANT!?
No... Stop... it. Ahhhh...
Ku ku ku ku...
SHE-RILLE!!
GA...H...
Quite simple.
We merely desire a very tiny thing. Don Lombardo.

We want you to stop hindering the flow of drugs.
Especially...your cooperation with the FBI...
A- ARE YOU... MAMBA...?
DON'T FLATTER YOURSELF, DON LOMBARDO
IF YOU WISH FOR YOUR DAUGHTER BACK UNHARMED, YOU'LL DO AS WE SAY...
WE WILL SEND THE REST OF THE SEÑORA'S BODY TOMORROW.
PLEASE...I BEG YOU...RETURN MY DAUGHTER..
YOU HAVE THIRTY-SIX HOURS...


Uahhh...
I beg you...
Please...My daughter... Give me back my Sherille...
You must keep this a secret from the police...
Oh... That's no good.
You're the police commis-sioner.
Well... I'll be going now...

HELLO
GOOD MORNING, COLONEL.
THE PAPER?
NO... NOT YET.

!
AND THEN...
US-SOVIET SUMMIT... ...A PROBLEM IN ROMANIA...
THIS ONE?
THE WIFE...AND DAUGHTER... OF POLICE COMMISSIONER LOMBARDO... SLAUGHTERED BY A DRUG CARTEL...
COLOM-BIA
HUH?
This's surely a matter that governmental drug enforce-ment agencies can handle. It's not the same as political terrorism...
I'M MORE OR LESS UP TO DATE ABOUT COLOMBIA'S DRUG PROBLEM...

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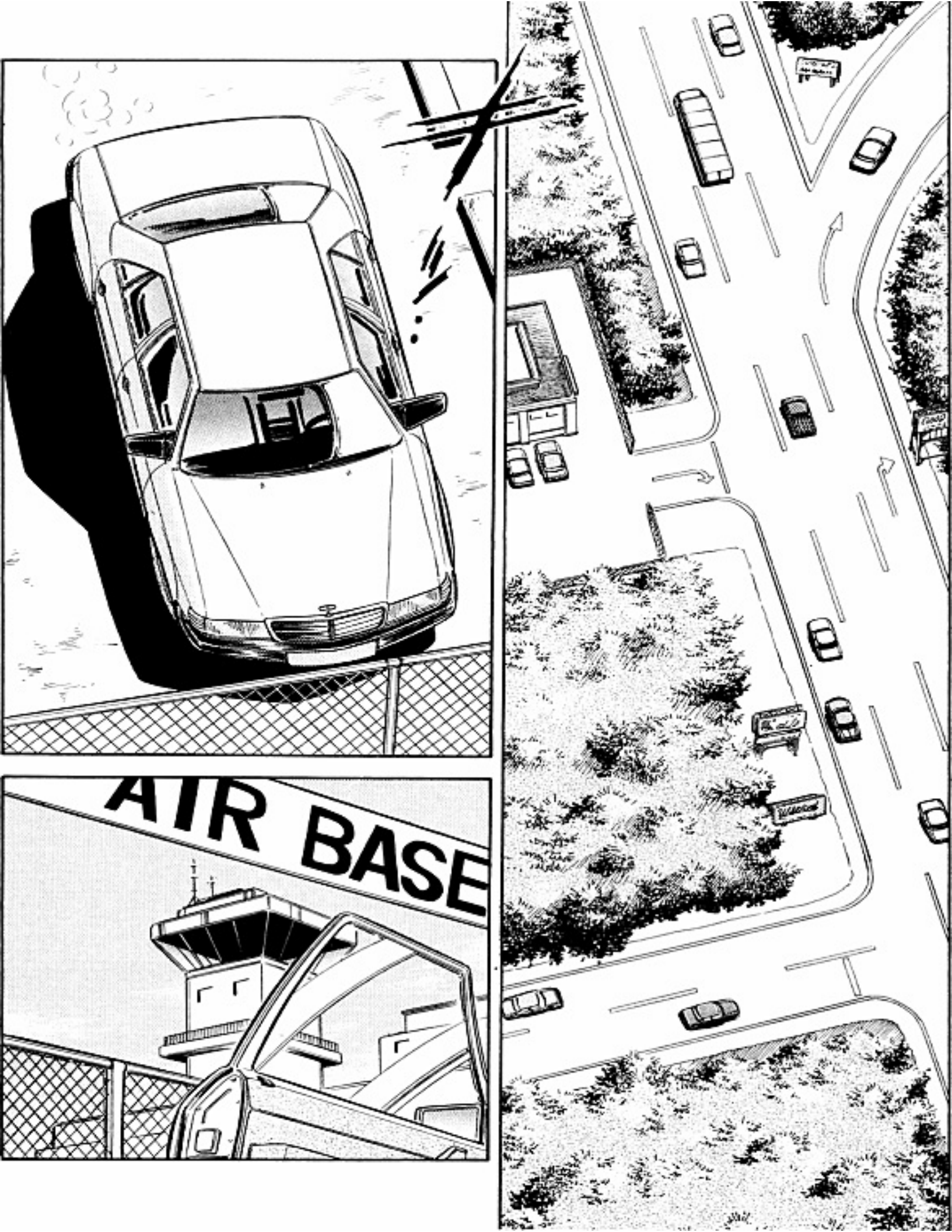
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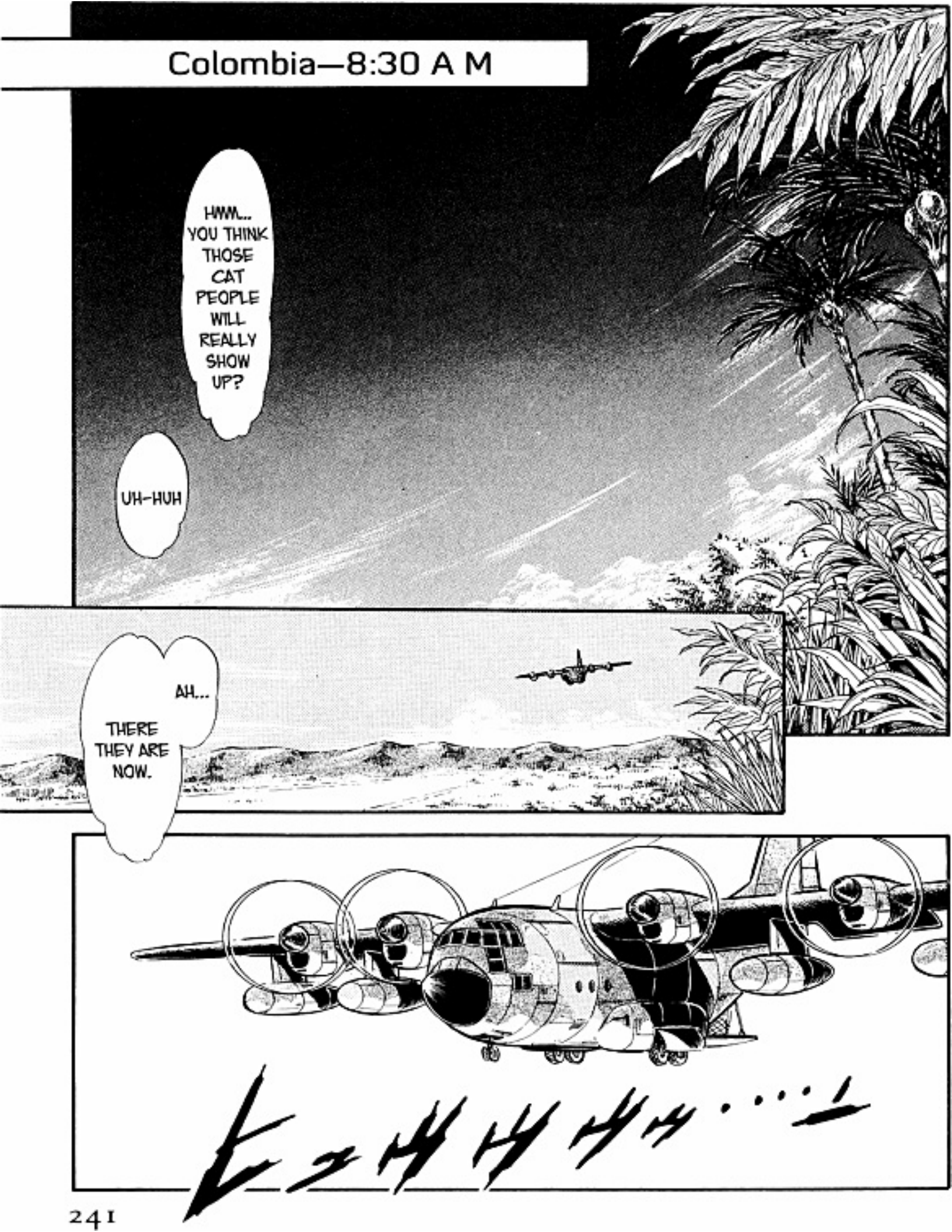
Colombia—8:30 A M
HMM... YOU THINK THOSE CAT PEOPLE WILL REALLY SHOW UP?
UH-HUH
AH... THERE THEY ARE NOW.
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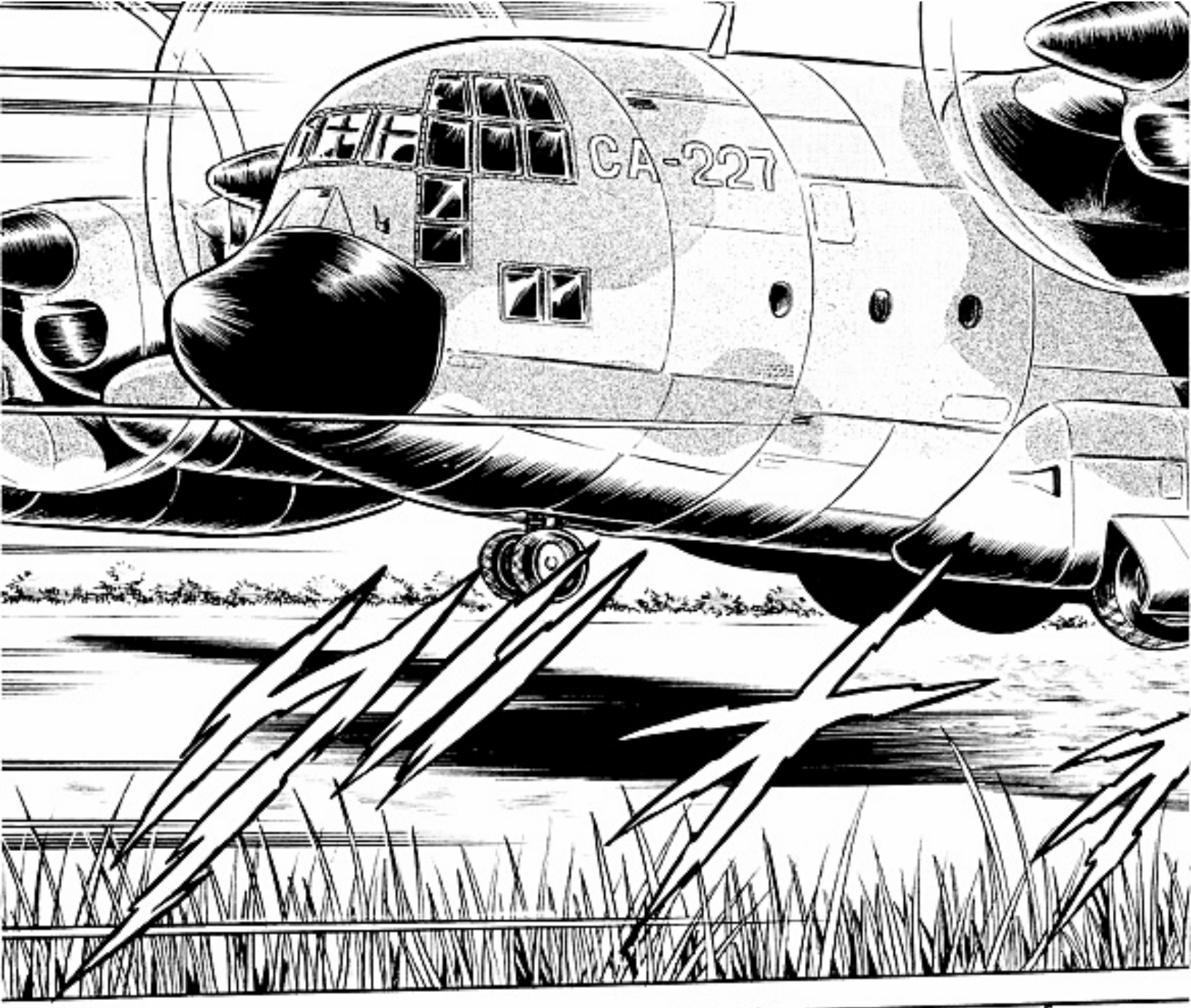
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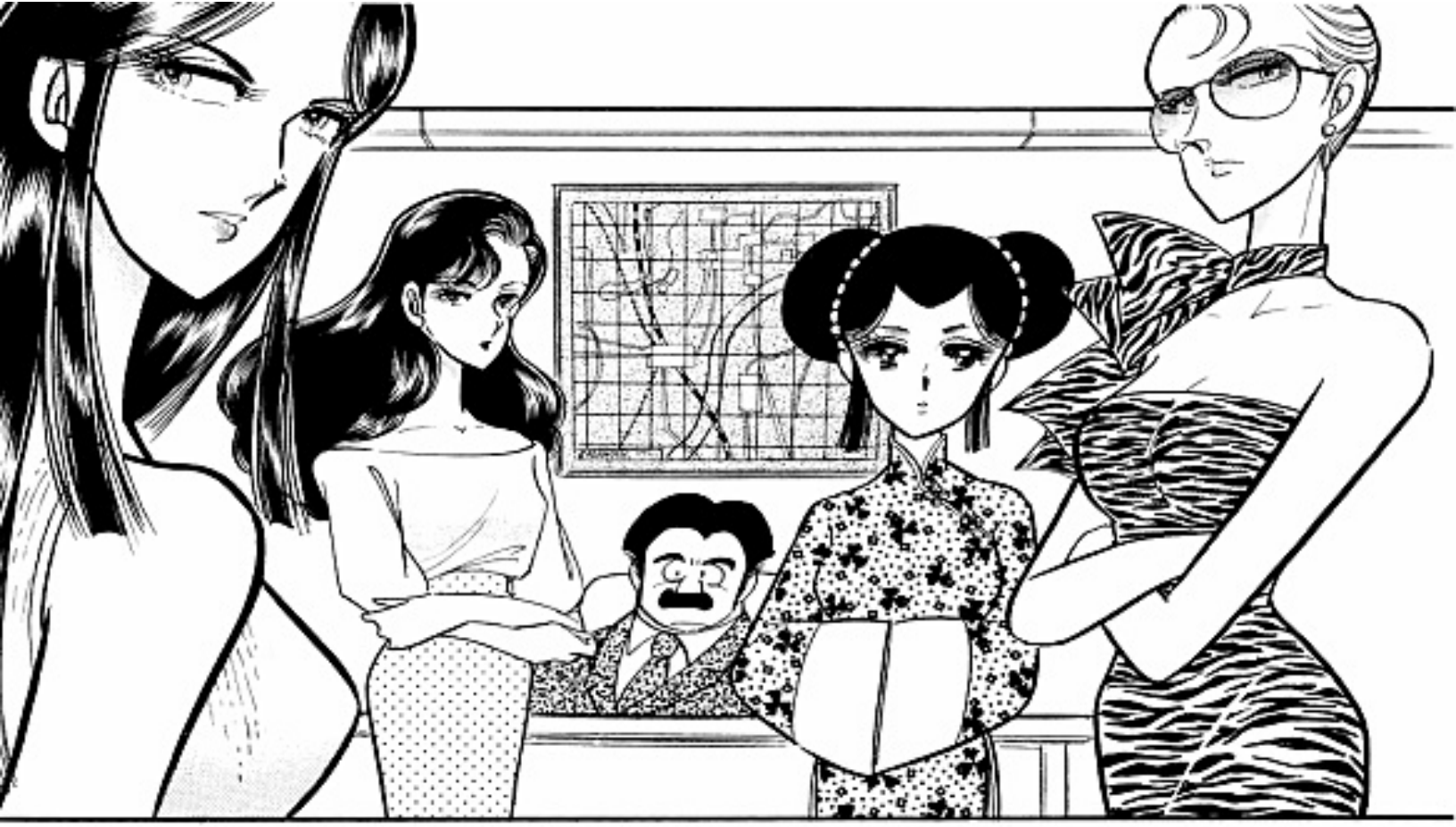
THAT'S JUST GEAR...
HUH!!

THE ONLY THING THEY DROPPED WAS GEAR AT THE APPOINTED TIME.
WHAT DOES A COUNTER-TERRORISM GROUP KNOW ANYWAY?
INDEED.
WE DON'T HAVE ANY TIME LEFT.
...SHEESH! THEY'RE SCREWING WITH US.
THAT'S WHY I WANTED TO NIX THIS PLAN.
CHIEF!!
THOSE CAT PEOPLE...
CHIEF
OH
PAGUE LA POLICIA



MCCLA-REN
THESE ARE THE MEMBERS OF CAT.
IDIOT
IS THIS SOME KINDA PROTEST BY A WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION?
!!

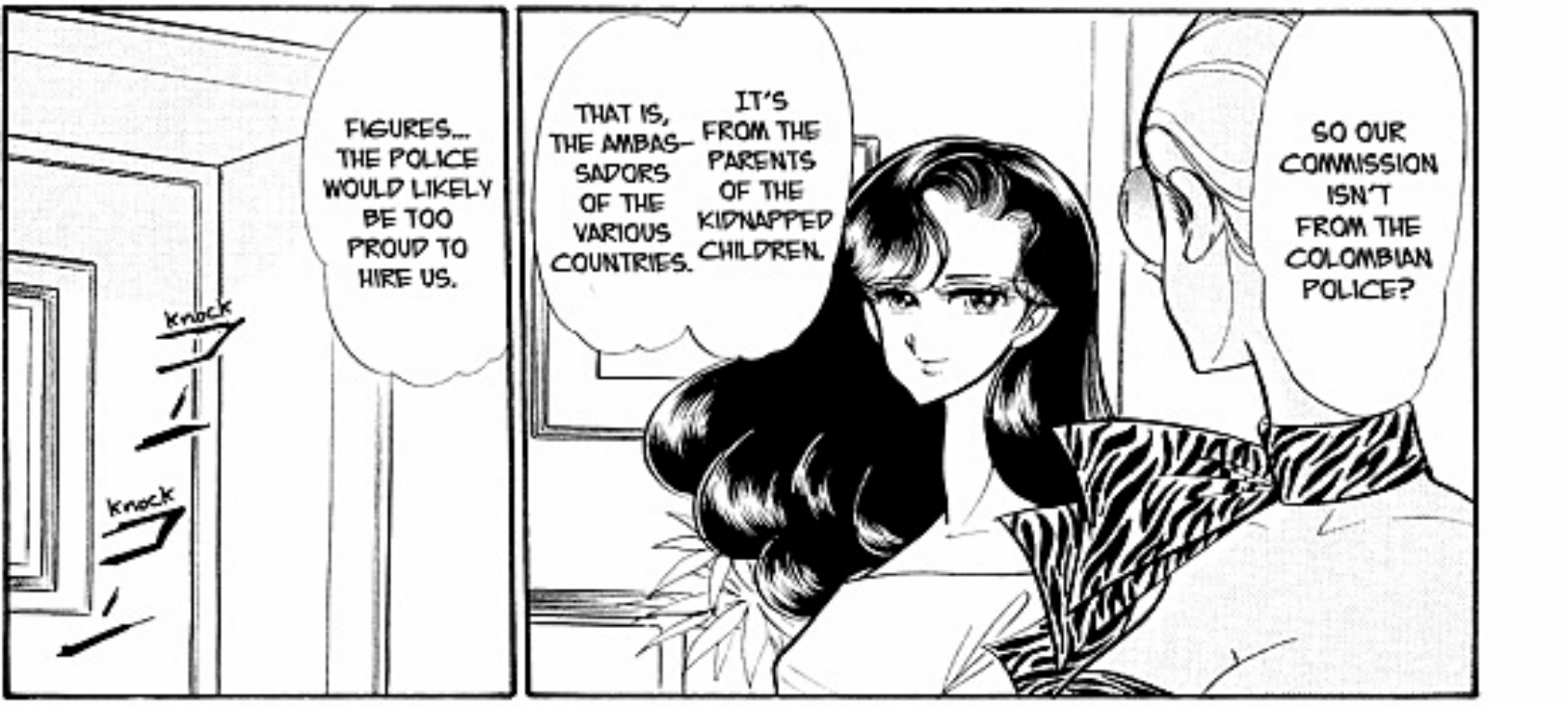
I HOPE YOU WILL FORGIVE ME FOR CONCEALING THE EXACT ARRIVAL TIME OF OUR MEMBERS.
AH... THAT'S... QUITE ALRIGHT.
PLEASED TO MEET YOU. I AM ROSEBANK OF CAT OVERSEAS M.
HA HA HA...
SO...WHEN WILL THE OPERATIONAL FORCES ARRIVE?
WE HAVE CERTAIN PREPARATIONS TO MAKE, SO IF YOU COULD LET ME KNOW...
WE ARE THE OPERA-TIONAL FORCES.

THESE LITTLE LADIES COME HIGHLY RECOMMENDED AS COUNTER-TERROR OPERATIVES.
THE COMMITTEE SAYS YOU ARE TO ACCOMPANY THEM.
WHILE YOU'RE BUSY PUTTING ON A BEAUTY PAGEANT, THEY'LL KILL THOSE KIDS!
WHAT ON EARTH IS THE COMMITTEE THINKING?
CHIEF
THANK YOU....MR. MCCLAREN.
MY FIRST RE-QUEST IS...
MISS BEAU-TIFUL COM-MAN-DER?
SO...HOW CAN WE HELP YOU,
FINE. I WILL COMPLY WITH ORDERS.
OH REALLY.

DIE!!

SHUT UP!!
CH-CHIEF!!
YOU... DIDN'T HAVE TO KILL HIM...
MR. SPY
THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP...
WAHHHH!!
I WAS RATHER LENIENT.
COMPARED TO HOW THEY KILLED THE COMMIS-SIONER'S WIFE AND DAUGHTER,
TRAITORS LOOK THE SAME AS ENEMIES TO ME.

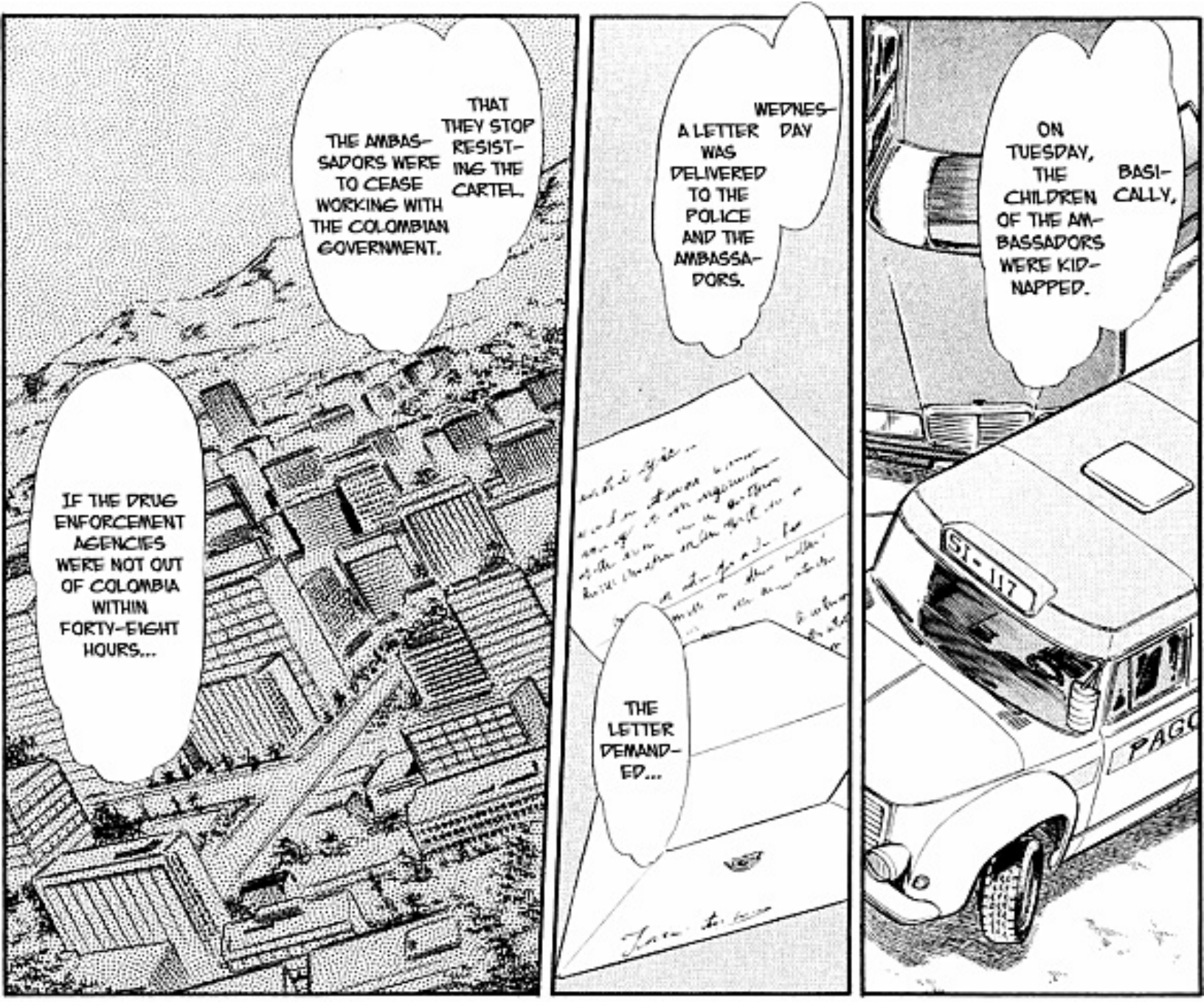
HEHHH
PRETTY NICE DIGS.
THE SITUATION COMMITTEE DOESN'T SPARE ANY EXPENSE.
MAKES PERFECT SENSE GIVEN THEIR OWN KIDS' LIVES ARE ON THE LINE.


SO OUR COMMISSION ISN'T FROM THE COLOMBIAN POLICE?
IT'S FROM THE PARENTS OF THE KIDNAPPED CHILDREN.
THAT IS, THE AMBAS-SADORS OF THE VARIOUS COUNTRIES.
FIGURES... THE POLICE WOULD LIKELY BE TOO PROUD TO HIRE US.
knock
knock

GOOD WORK. IS EVERYONE HERE IN COLOMBIA NOW?
COLLEEN. JESSICA.
SORRY WE'RE LATE!
What a pain
PERESTROYKA
GREAT...WE ARRIVED IN THE MIDDLE OF LAST NIGHT..AS FREIGHT.
SO WE HAD TO DO SOME SIGHTSEEING AROUND THE CITY.
WE CAME IN AS BACK-PACKERS.
CALAM
PEACE
HERE IS THE EQUIPMENT LIST FOR EACH PLATOON.
THANK YOU.
MORE LIKE IT WAS THROWN AWAY...
IT WAS DELIVERED IT TO THE AIR FORCE BASE FIRST.
THE TRANSPORT BROUGHT EQUIPMENT FOR TWO PLATOONS.

DOWN-STAIRS?
THERE ...LOOK.
THEY'RE DOWN-STAIRS.
THE SILLY GIRLS WERE ON THE BUS WITH YOU, RIGHT?
DUTY FREE
SHOP
OH...LEAVE THEM BE.
I'LL GO REPRIMAND THEM.
GOODNESS... THEY REALLY HAVE TURNED INTO TOURISTS.

I'M SO SORRY, CALLING YOU SO SUDDENLY.
COMMANDER
I HAVEN'T YET HEARD WHAT OUR MISSION IS.
OUR MISSION IS TO RESCUE FIVE CHILDREN THAT HAVE BEEN KIDNAPPED BY A DRUG CARTEL.
WE MUST ACCOMPLISH IT BY DAWN ON FRIDAY.
ONLY THIRTY-SIX HOURS REMAIN.
BUT WE HAVE A STRICT DEADLINE BY WHICH TO FINISH THIS MISSION.
ACCORDING TO OUR ANALYSTS, THERE'S AN EIGHTY PERCENT CHANCE THEY ARE AT MAMBA HEADQUARTERS.
ODDS ON THEM BEING ALIVE OR DEAD ARE FIFTY-FIFTY.
SO...WHERE ARE THE CHILDREN?
YUCK... FRIDAY...IS THE 13TH.


IF THE DRUG ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES WERE NOT OUT OF COLOMBIA WITHIN FORTY-EIGHT HOURS...
THE AMBASSADORS WERE TO CEASE WORKING WITH THE COLOMBIAN GOVERNMENT.
THAT THEY STOP RESISTING THE CARTEL.
A LETTER WAS DELIVERED TO THE POLICE AND THE AMBASSADORS.
WEDNESDAY
THE LETTER DEMANDED...
BASICALLY,
ON TUESDAY, THE CHILDREN OF THE AMBASSADORS WERE KIDNAPPED.
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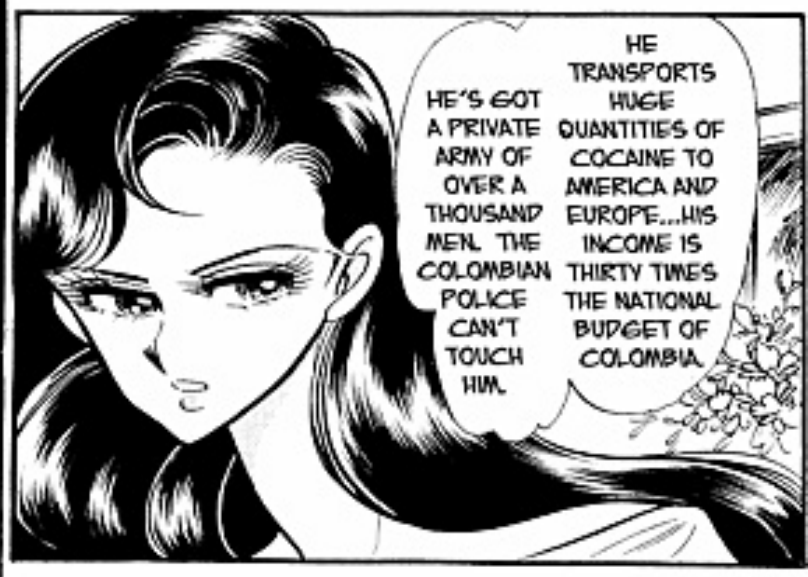
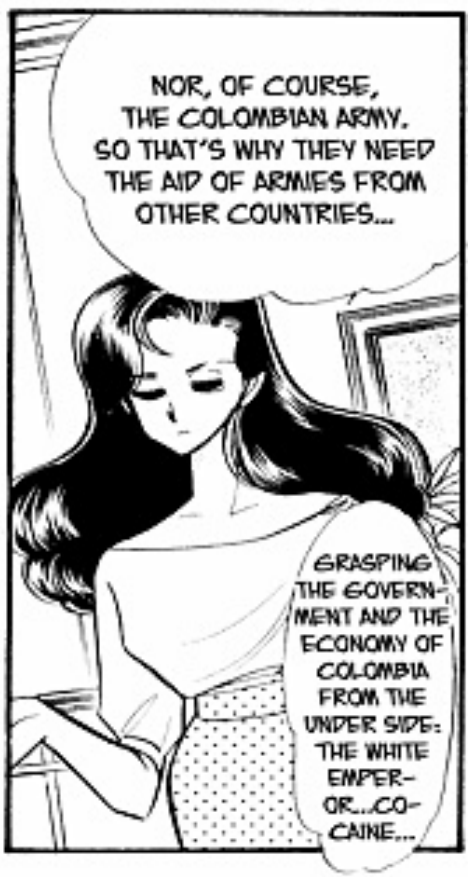
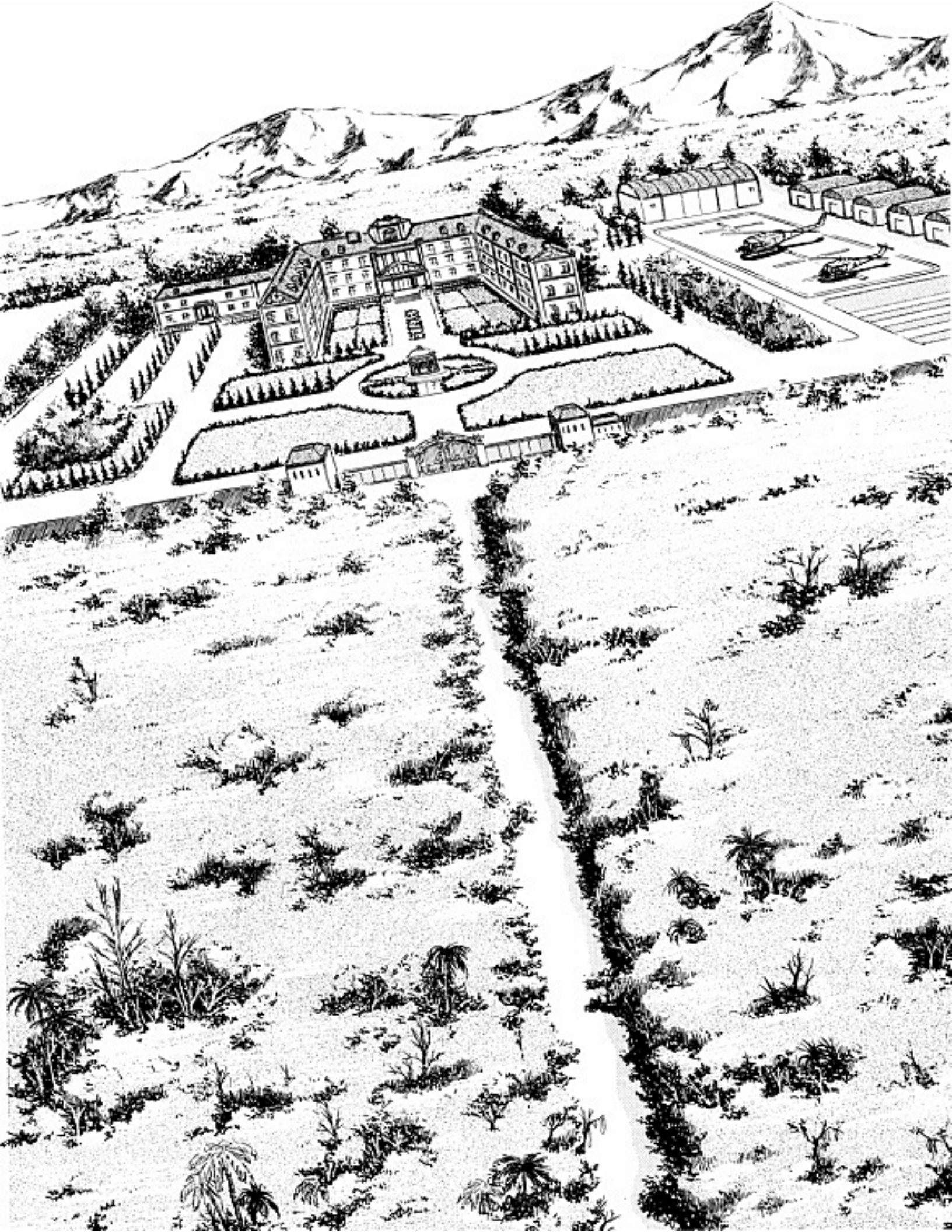
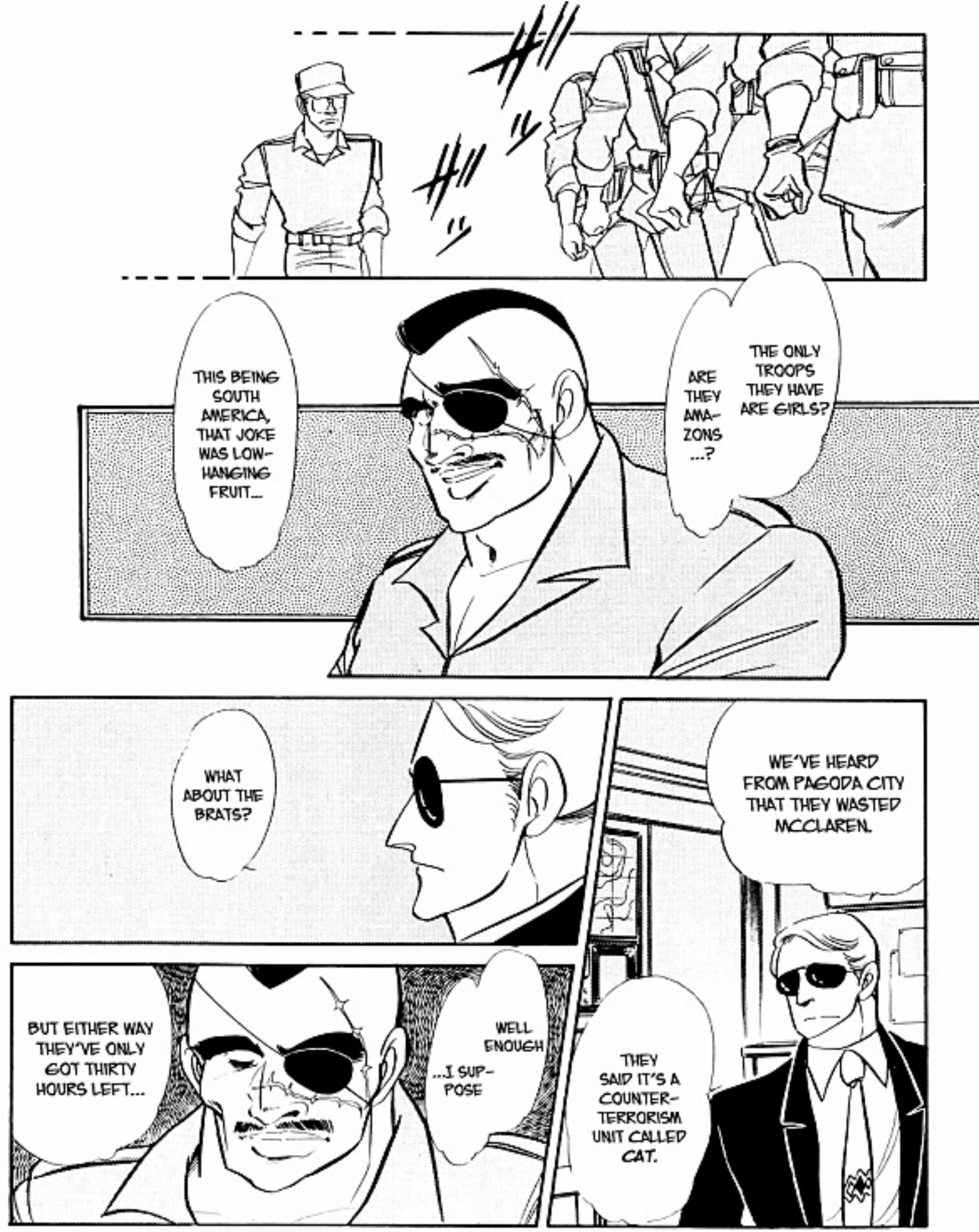
A DRUG KINGPIN OF UNKNOWN NATIONALITY WITH CONNECTIONS IN DOZENS OF COUNTRIES.
WE'RE UP AGAINST HADWOSHU MAMBA.
THEY'RE JUST CRIMINALS.
BUT THIS IS HARDLY TERRORISM.
THE CHILDREN WOULD BE...I SEE.


HE'S GOT A PRIVATE ARMY OF OVER A THOUSAND MEN. THE COLOMBIAN POLICE CAN'T TOUCH HIM.
HE TRANSPORTS HUGE QUANTITIES OF COCAINE TO AMERICA AND EUROPE...HIS INCOME IS THIRTY TIMES THE NATIONAL BUDGET OF COLOMBIA.

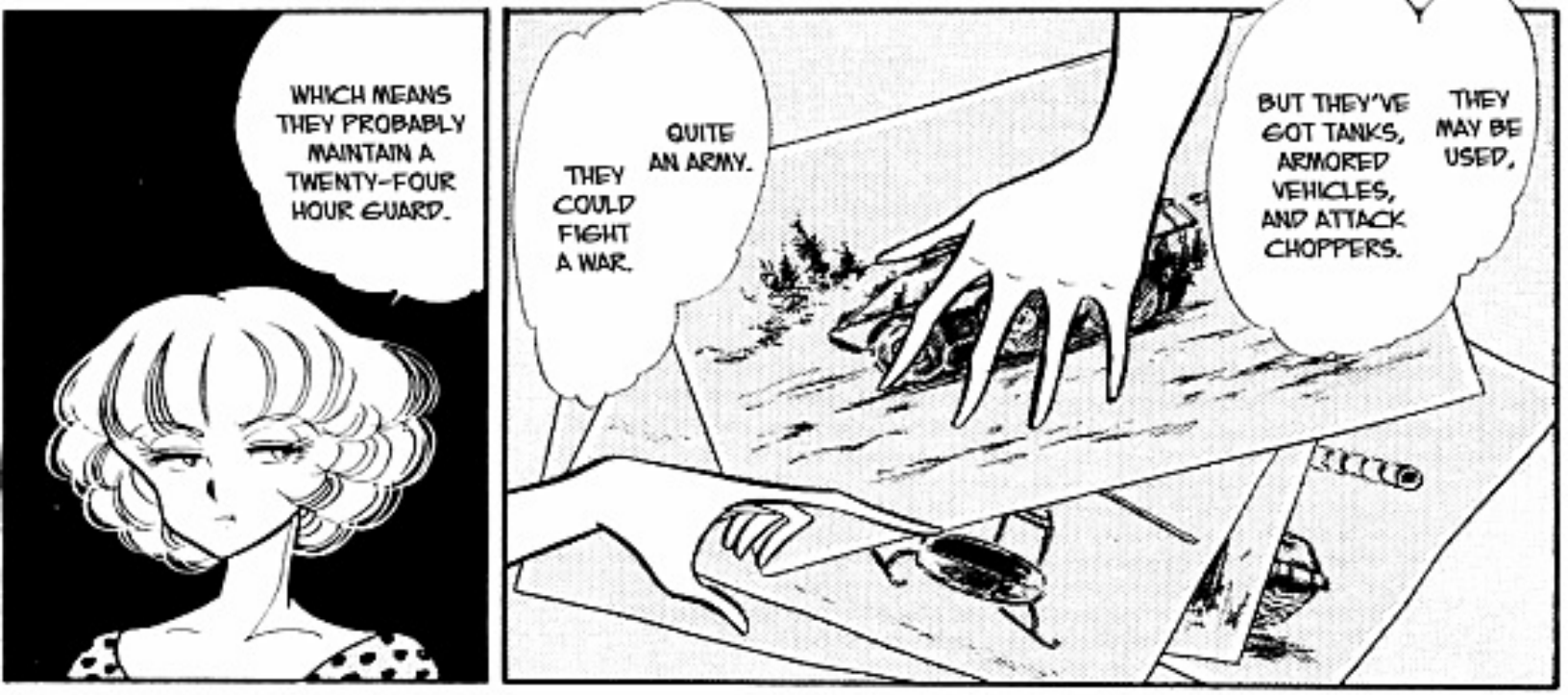
SNATCHING HOPES AND EVERYTHING ELSE AWAY, THE SOVEREIGN THAT ERASES THE FUTURE...


NOR, OF COURSE, THE COLOMBIAN ARMY. SO THAT'S WHY THEY NEED THE AID OF ARMIES FROM OTHER COUNTRIES...
GRASPING THE GOVERNMENT AND THE ECONOMY OF COLOMBIA FROM THE UNDER SIDE: THE WHITE EMPEROR...COCAINE...




THIS BEING SOUTH AMERICA, THAT JOKE WAS LOW-HANGING FRUIT...
ARE THEY AMA-ZONS ...?
THE ONLY TROOPS THEY HAVE ARE GIRLS?
WHAT ABOUT THE BRATS?
WE'VE HEARD FROM PAGODA CITY THAT THEY WASTED MCCLAREN.
THEY SAID IT'S A COUNTER-TERRORISM UNIT CALLED CAT.
...I SUP-POSE
WELL ENOUGH
BUT EITHER WAY THEY'VE ONLY GOT THIRTY HOURS LEFT...

TOMORROW, WE'LL CHOP OFF ONE OF THE BRATS' ARMS..
AND SEND IT AWAY.


WHICH MEANS THEY PROBABLY MAINTAIN A TWENTY-FOUR HOUR GUARD.
THEY COULD FIGHT A WAR.
QUITE AN ARMY.
BUT THEY'VE GOT TANKS, ARMORED VEHICLES, AND ATTACK CHOPPERS.
THEY MAY BE USED.

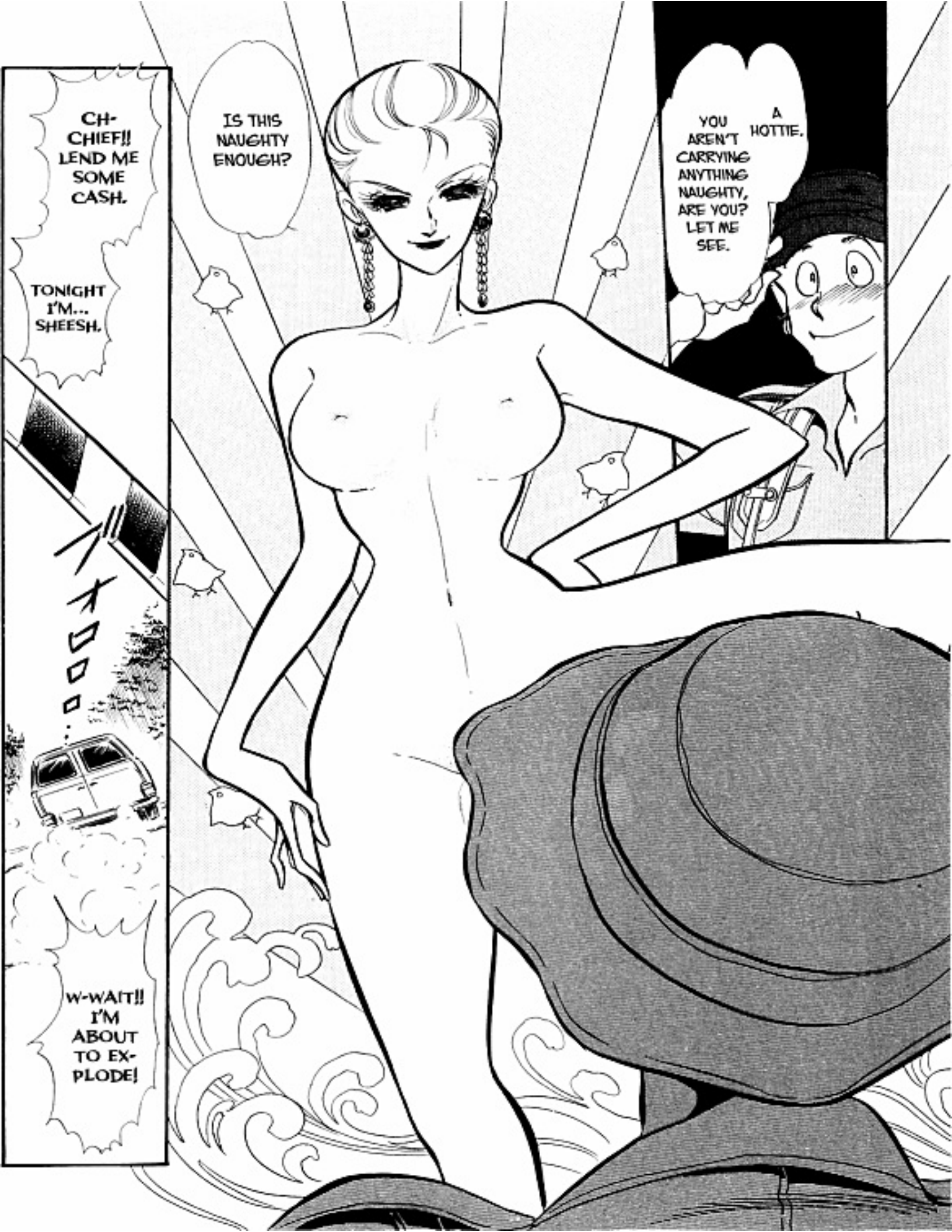
THE SURROUNDING JUNGLE IS LIKELY FILLED WITH CAMERAS AND TRAPS...
WHAT ABOUT APPROACHING FROM THE JUNGLE?
THE ONLY OVERLAND ROUTE IS THIS FRONT ROAD.
AN ASSAULT WOULD BE POINTLESS.
EVEN WITH A SCHEMATIC OF THE HOUSE, IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO KNOW WHERE THE CHILDREN ARE.
FIVE SCHWARZENEGGERS MIGHT BE ABLE TO GET SOMETHING DONE.
RRRRRR...
!!
SHE SAYS THE PLACE AT THE AIR BASE WHERE OUR EQUIPMENT WAS STORED HAS BURNED TO THE GROUND.
THIS IS COOKIE...
COMMANDER!!

THE WORST ...
MARIE
BUT WE CAN'T FIGHT UNARMED!
IF WE ORDERED MORE SUP-PLIES, THE RESULT WOULD BE THE SAME.
THE COPS AND THE ARMY ARE RIDDLED WITH SPIES...
OR BORROW SOME FROM THE COLOM-BIAN ARMY...
MAYBE WE CAN GET THE HOME OFFICE TO RUSH US NEW EQUIPMENT...
NO GOOD.
WE HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO GO WITH AN INSIDE JOB...

JESSICA AND IRENE AS WELL AS LESLIE AND COLLEEN ARE TO STAY.
LIN DELA HELGA
BUT MARIE, WE DON'T HAVE ANY WEAPONS... JUST SOME GUNS FOR SELF-DEFENSE...
TELL THEM WE'RE LEAVING.
INFORM THE COMMITTEE OF OUR SITUATION. TELL THEM THE MISSION IS IMPOSSIBLE.
COLLEEN!!
INSIDE JOB...?
...ARE YOU OKAY WITH THAT...?
PERESTR
BUT FOR NOW OUR WEAPON IS...THIS
TANKS, ARMORED VEHICLES, ATTACK CHOPPERS... WHATEVER YOU'D LIKE.
THERE'S A MOUNTAIN OF WEAPONS.

ブロオオオ…
HALT!!

LET ME CHECK INSIDE.
FRESH MEAT, HUH... SHOW YOUR PASS.
Oh my... a cutie
HEEEYY
Ohh. You're bold to peek in here
gulp


CH-CHIEF!! LEND ME SOME CASH.
TONIGHT I'M... SHEESH.
IS THIS NAUGHTY ENOUGH?
A HOTTIE.
YOU AREN'T CARRYING ANYTHING NAUGHTY, ARE YOU? LET ME SEE.
W-WAIT!! I'M ABOUT TO EX-PLODE!

THE REGULAR DELIVERY FOR THE WHOREHOUSE.
WHAT ARE THE MEN SO WORKED UP ABOUT?

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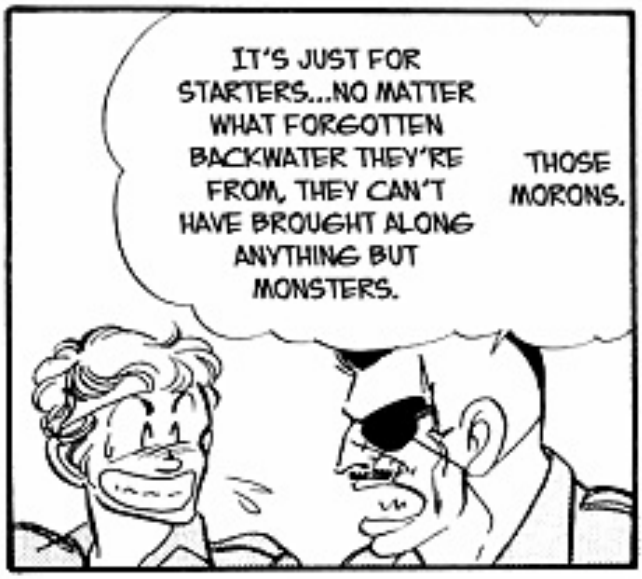
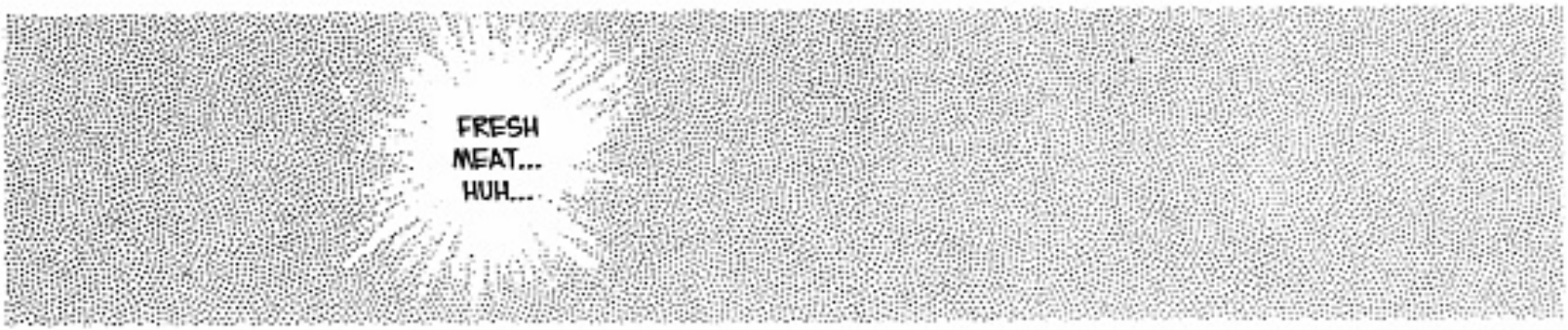

IT'S JUST FOR STARTERS...NO MATTER WHAT FORGOTTEN BACKWATER THEY'RE FROM, THEY CAN'T HAVE BROUGHT ALONG ANYTHING BUT MONSTERS.
THOSE MORONS.

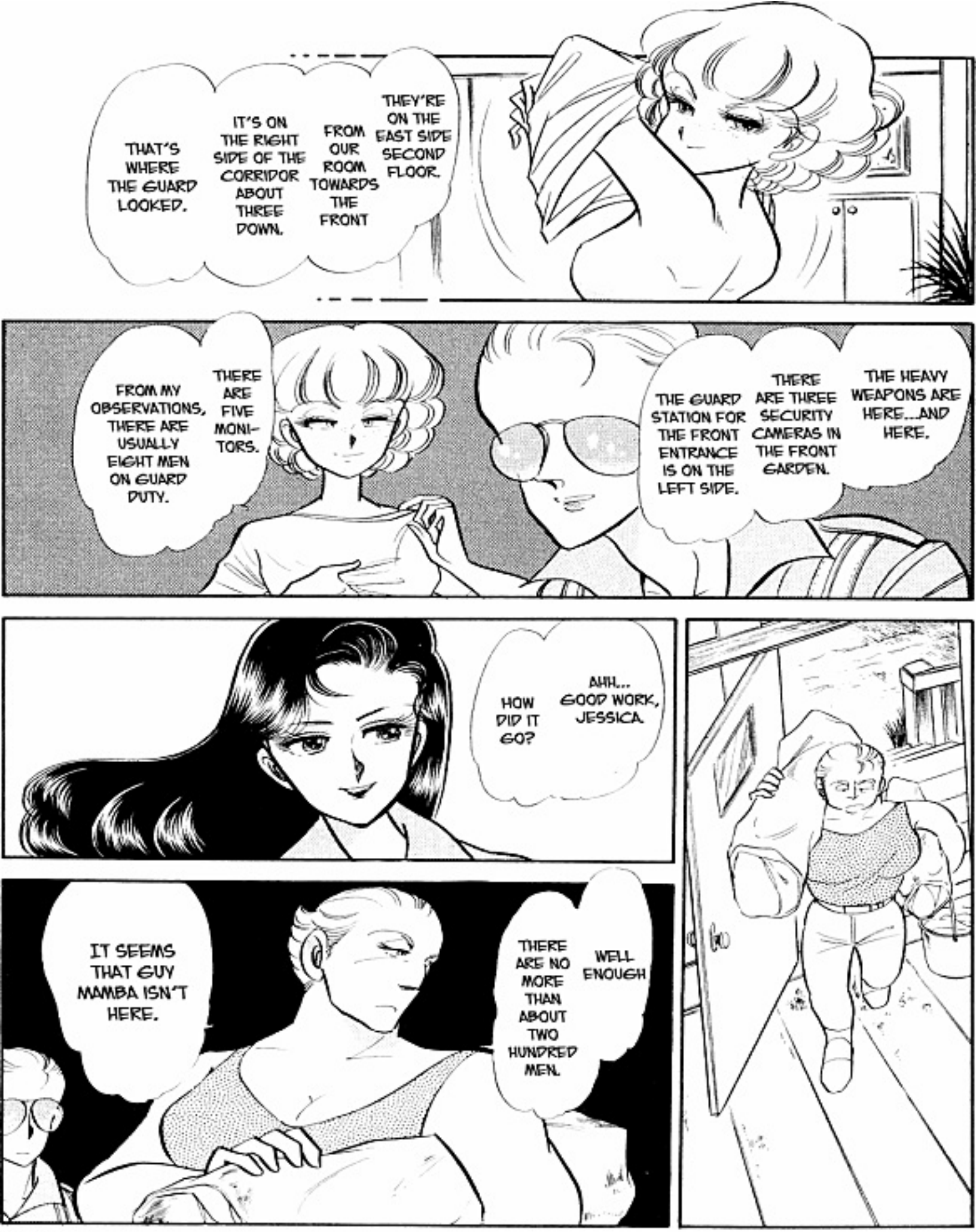
FRESH MEAT?
THEY SAY THERE'S FRESH MEAT, AND IT'S PRETTY HOT.


FRESH MEAT... HUH...

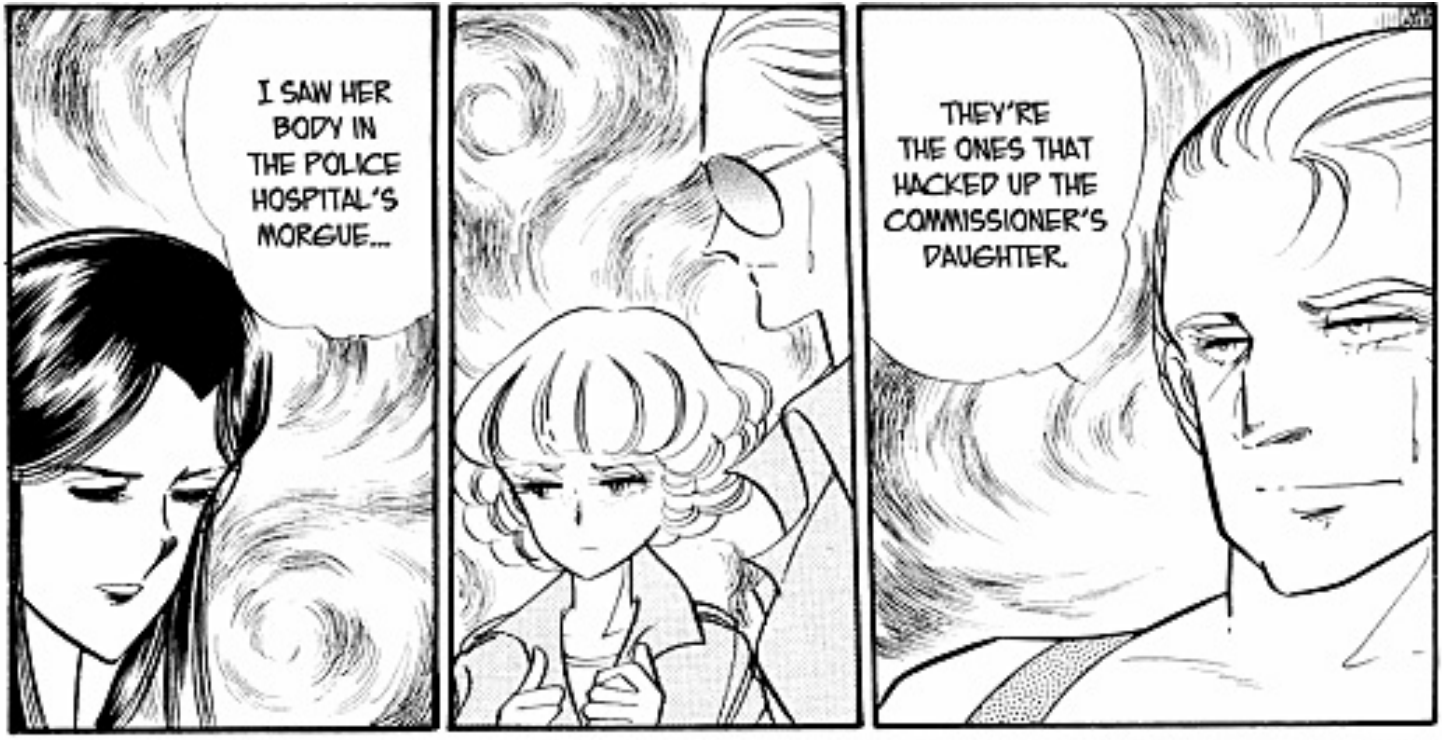
So they're allowing free looks, huh...

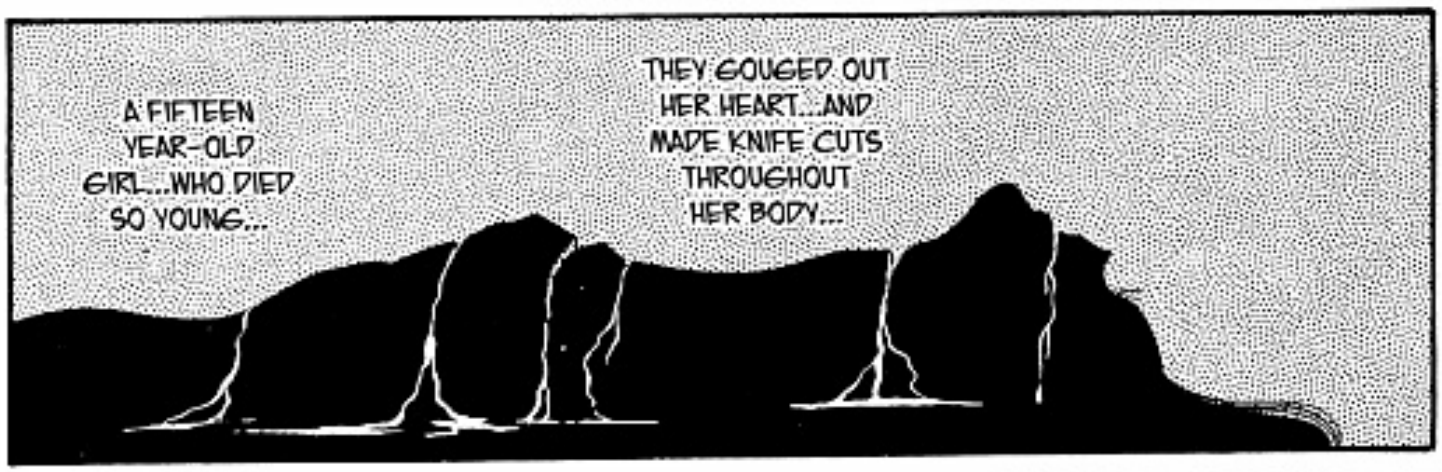
STARK NAKED... NOT A STITCH ON... IT CAUSED A HUGE RUCKUS AT THE GATE.
Without restrictions...
I GOT TO CHECK ONE OUT WHEN THEY ENTERED!!

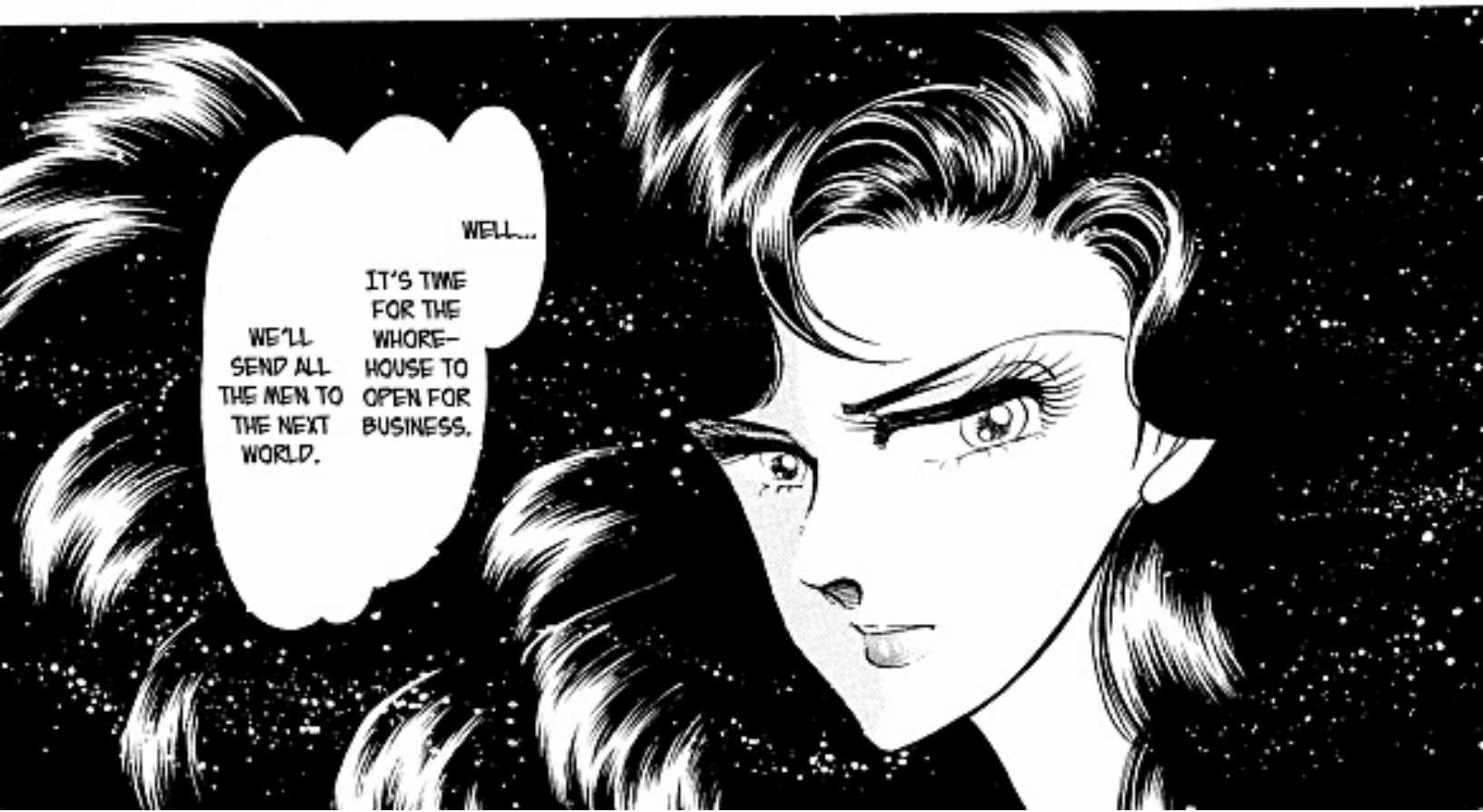
HEY!! YOU CAN'T GO IN THERE.
HMPH
YOU WON'T EVER HAVE A REASON TO GO THERE.
THAT'S DON MAMBA'S VILLA.
SUCH A BIG HOUSE. DOES EVERYONE LIVE IN THERE?
WHAT!!
AH... THERE'S A KID WAVING.
DON'T STARTLE ME LIKE THAT. NOW SCRAM!
SORRY ABOUT THAT. MY EYES AREN'T LIKE THEY USED TO BE.
WAIT A SEC'. I WAS WRONG.
Sometimes I just don't know what I'm thinking


THEY'RE ON THE EAST SIDE SECOND FLOOR.
FROM OUR ROOM TOWARDS THE FRONT
IT'S ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE CORRIDOR ABOUT THREE DOWN.
THAT'S WHERE THE GUARD LOOKED.
THE HEAVY WEAPONS ARE HERE...AND HERE.
THERE ARE THREE SECURITY CAMERAS IN THE FRONT GARDEN.
THE GUARD STATION FOR THE FRONT ENTRANCE IS ON THE LEFT SIDE.
THERE ARE FIVE MONI-TORS.
FROM MY OBSERVATIONS, THERE ARE USUALLY EIGHT MEN ON GUARD DUTY.
AHH... GOOD WORK, JESSICA
HOW DID IT GO?
WELL ENOUGH
THERE ARE NO MORE THAN ABOUT TWO HUNDRED MEN.
IT SEEMS THAT GUY MAMBA ISN'T HERE.

WHAT'S IN THE BUCKET?
AND... THESE
TWO UZIS AND ONE SHOTGUN.
AN EIGHTEEN CENTIMETER ROCKET LAUNCHER AND TWO BAZOOKAS.
TWELVE PINEAPPLE GRENADES.
BUT THE ONES INSIDE ARE APPARENTLY QUITE FORMIDABLE.
THE TROOPS OUTSIDE THE MANSION ARE A WORTHLESS MISHMASH.
WOAH...
I HEARD THEY CAME FROM THE GREEN BERET...


I SAW HER BODY IN THE POLICE HOSPITAL'S MORGUE...
THEY'RE THE ONES THAT HACKED UP THE COMMISSIONER'S DAUGHTER.

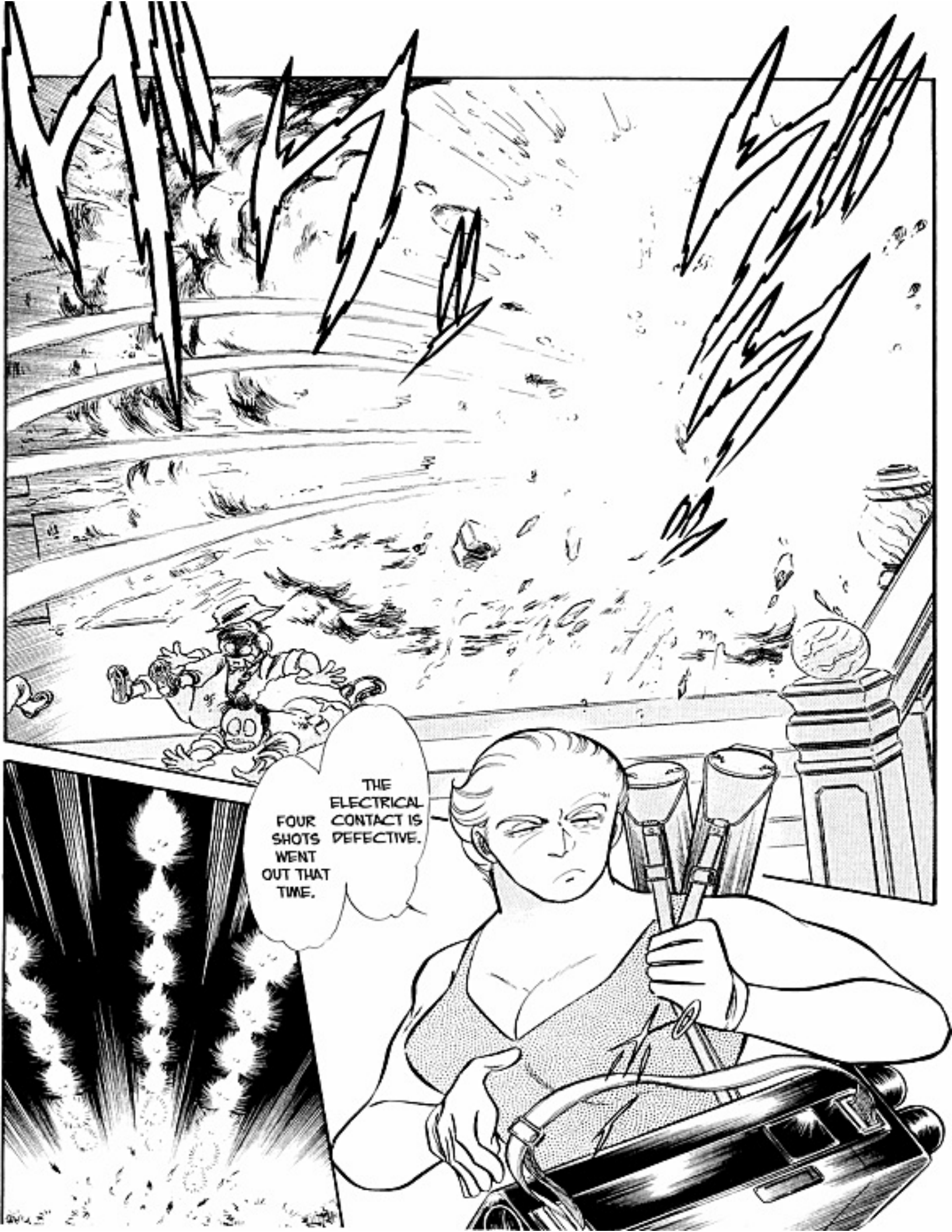

A FIFTEEN YEAR-OLD GIRL...WHO DIED SO YOUNG...
THEY GOUGED OUT HER HEART...AND MADE KNIFE CUTS THROUGHOUT HER BODY...


WELL...
IT'S TIME FOR THE WHORE-HOUSE TO OPEN FOR BUSINESS.
WE'LL SEND ALL THE MEN TO THE NEXT WORLD.

HEY!! WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR? HURRY UP!
C'MON, IT'S ALREADY PAST SIX...
I CAN'T WAIT ANY LONGER.
HEEYYY
WAHH!!
H(EE!!

SHOW ME THE MONI-TOR!!
WH-WHAT WAS THAT!?
BLOCK THE GATE!!
SECURE THE FRONT ENTRANCE. NO ONE GETS IN!!
IMPLE-MENT THE FIRE-FIGHTING DRILL!!
IT LOOKS LIKE THE LITTLE WHORE-HOUSE BLEW UP.
WHAT ABOUT THE GIRLS!?
I DON'T KNOW. THEY COULD HAVE BEEN BLOWN TO BITS.
DAMN AMA-ZONS ...!!
IT'S A COUNTER-TERRORISM UNIT COMPRISED ENTIRELY OF WOMEN...

SHUT THE FRONT DOOR!!
CLOSE THE WINDOW SHUT-TERS!!
WAHHH


FOUR SHOTS WENT OUT THAT TIME.
THE ELECTRICAL CONTACT IS DEFECTIVE.

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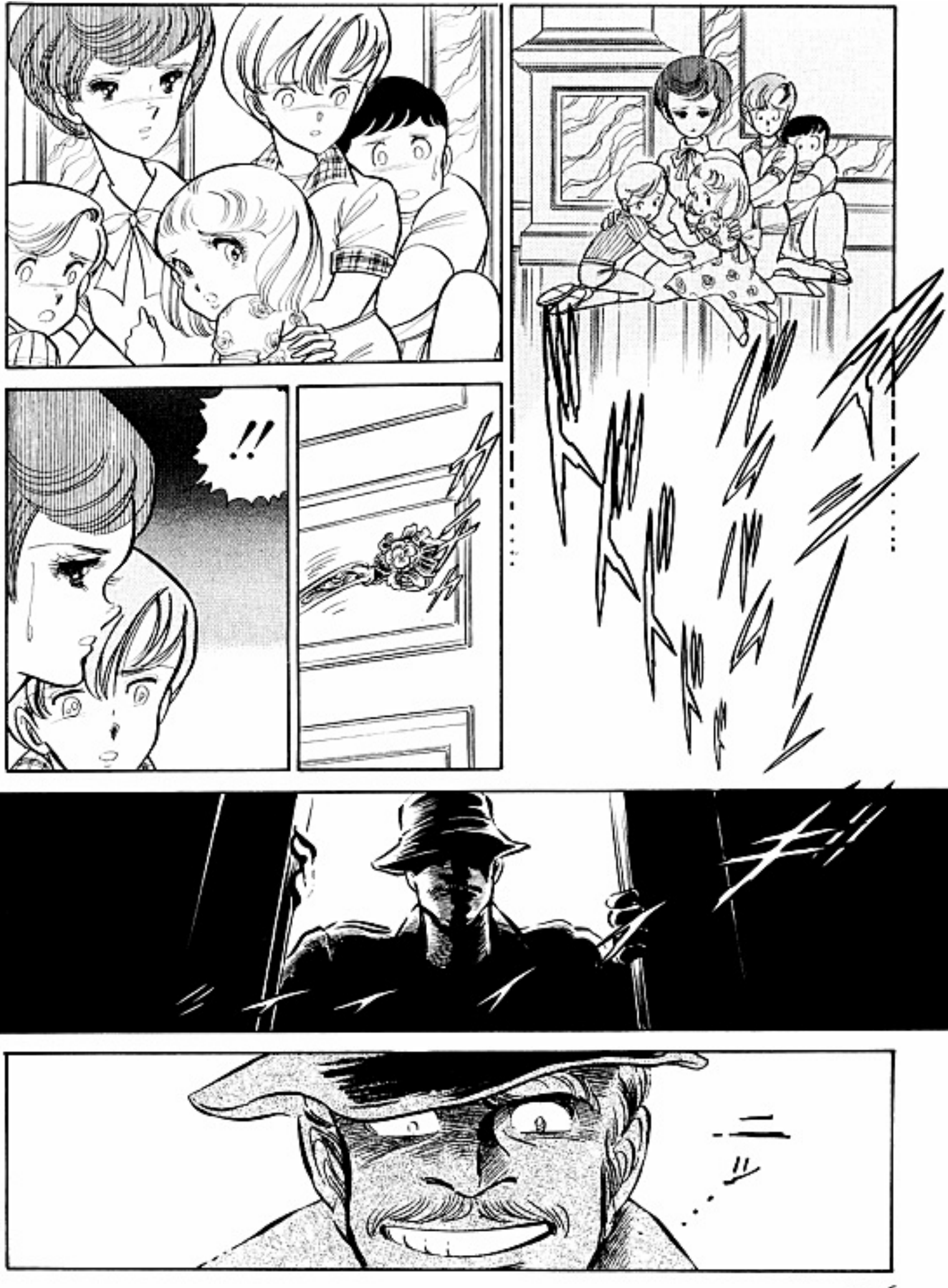
HEY!! ANY FOES UP THERE!?
RIGHT HERE

SHE'S OUT OF AMMO, NOW!!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I'M HERE TO HELP. ARE ANY OF YOU HURT?
NO!! YOU MUSTN'T COME IN!
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SKILL WITH A WIRE SAW IS NOTHING TO SNEEZE AT.
THAT'S MY AMAZON.

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MARIE
MARIE THE ROSE?
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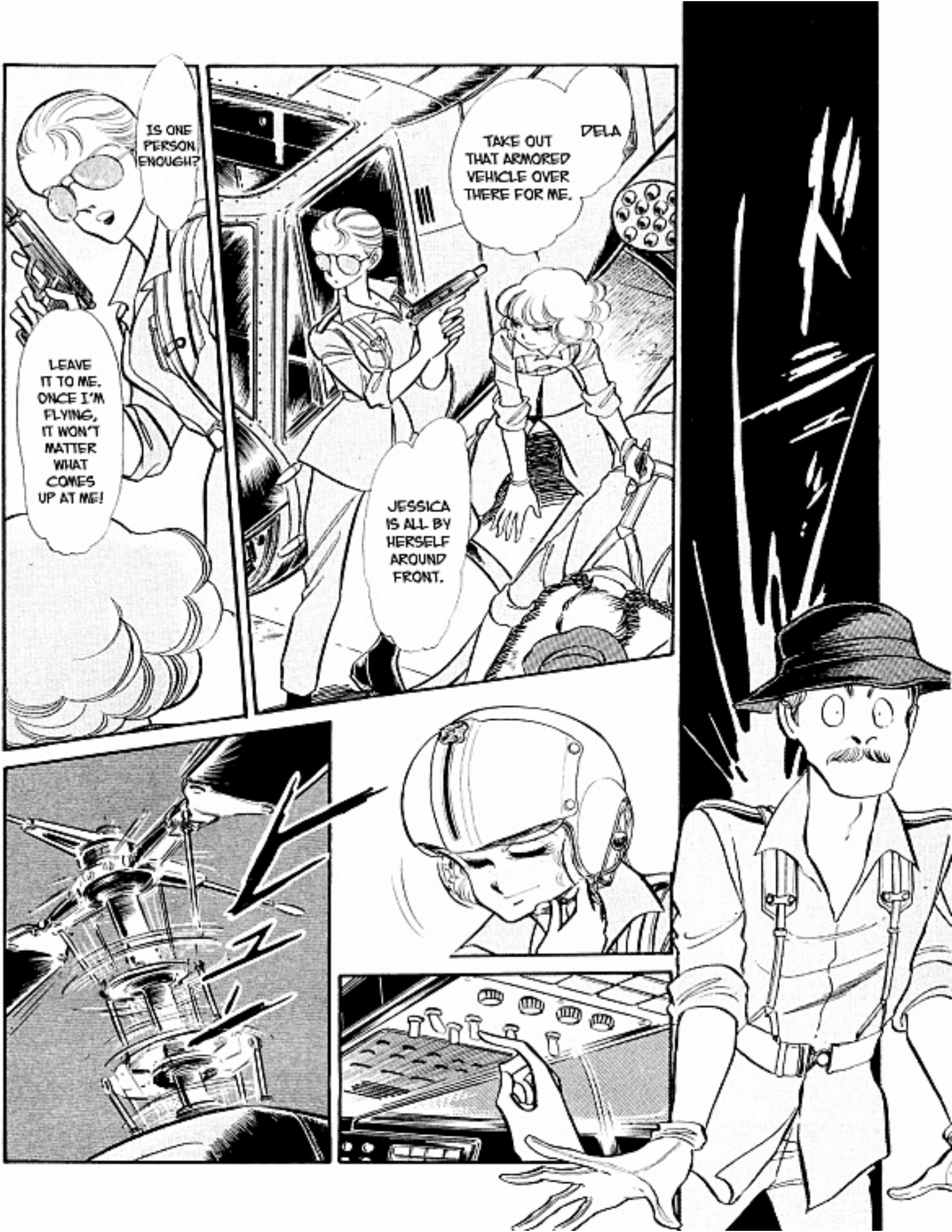
INSTRUC-TOR...!!

砂の薔薇
デザート ローズ
File 3: The White Emperor (3)

MARIE!!
WHAT ABOUT THE CHIL-DREN!?

IN-STRUCTOR... SMIRNOV...
WELL, WELL... HELGA THE IRON MAIDEN IS HERE TOO...
KU KU KU ...
JUST LIKE OLD TIMES IN THE YARD!
MARIE
THE CHILDREN HURRY!!
JES-SICA IS IN FRONT!!
DELILAH IS HOLDING THE LEFT FLANK. IRENE HAS STOLEN A CHOPPER!!
WE'RE TO MEET UP IN ONE MINUTE.
HEL-GA!!

I'LL HANDLE THIS GHOST.
NINETY-SIX FIGHTS.
YOU LOST NINETY-FIVE... AND THE OTHER ENDED IN A DRAW.
THAT DOESN'T MEAN YOU'LL WIN THE NINETY-SEVENTH.


IS ONE PERSON ENOUGH?
LEAVE IT TO ME. ONCE I'M FLYING, IT WON'T MATTER WHAT COMES UP AT ME!
DELA
TAKE OUT THAT ARMORED VEHICLE OVER THERE FOR ME.
JESSICA IS ALL BY HERSELF AROUND FRONT.
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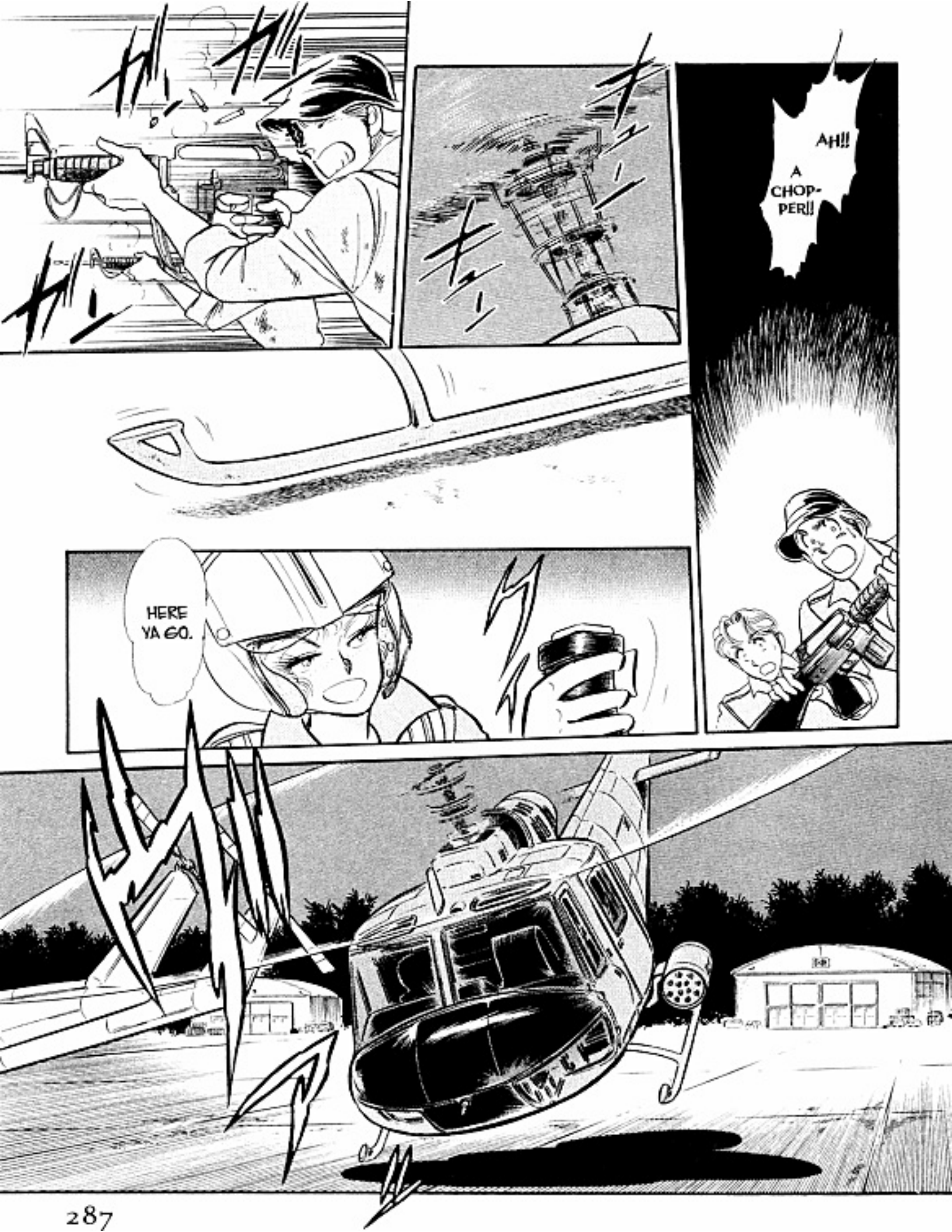
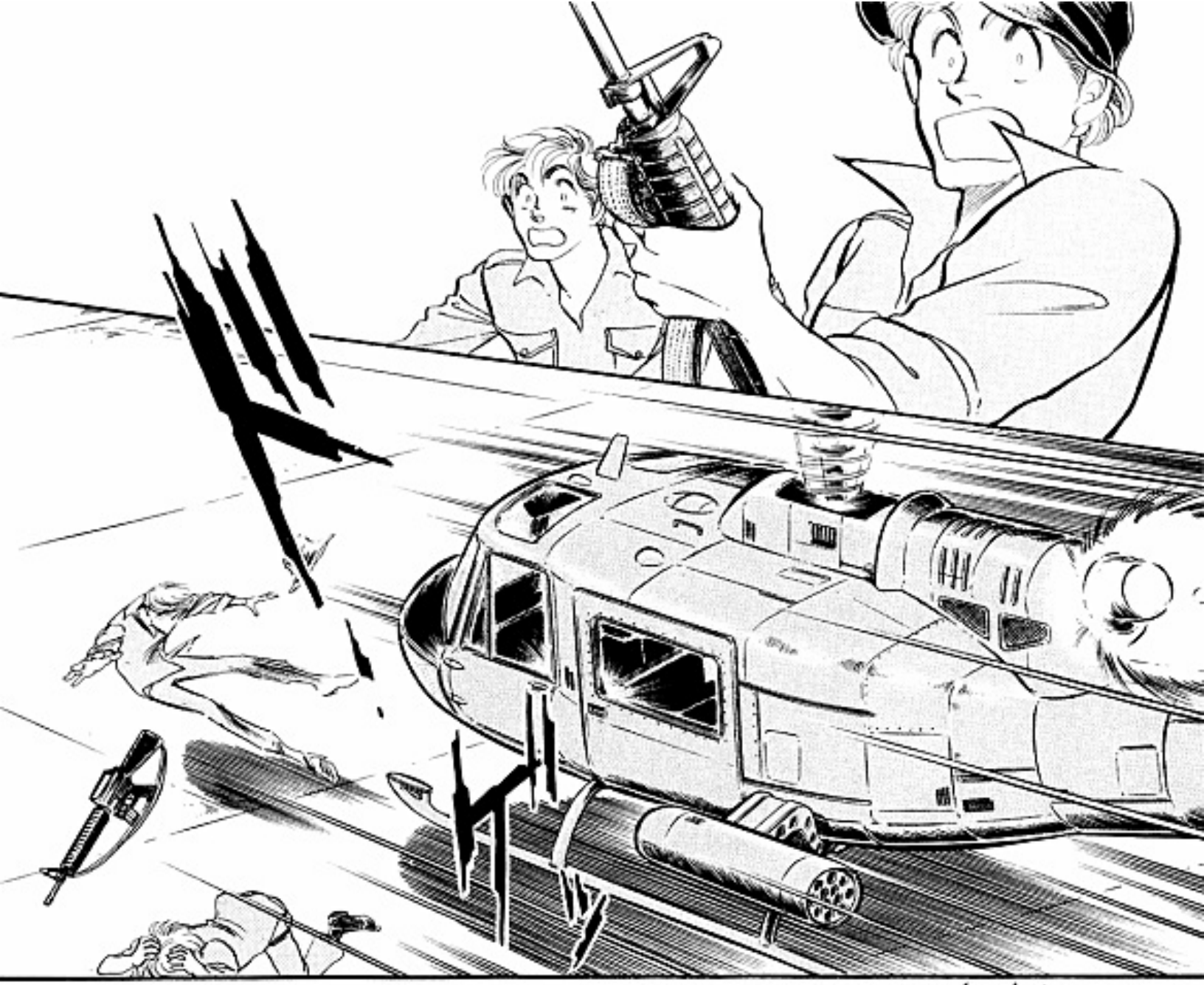
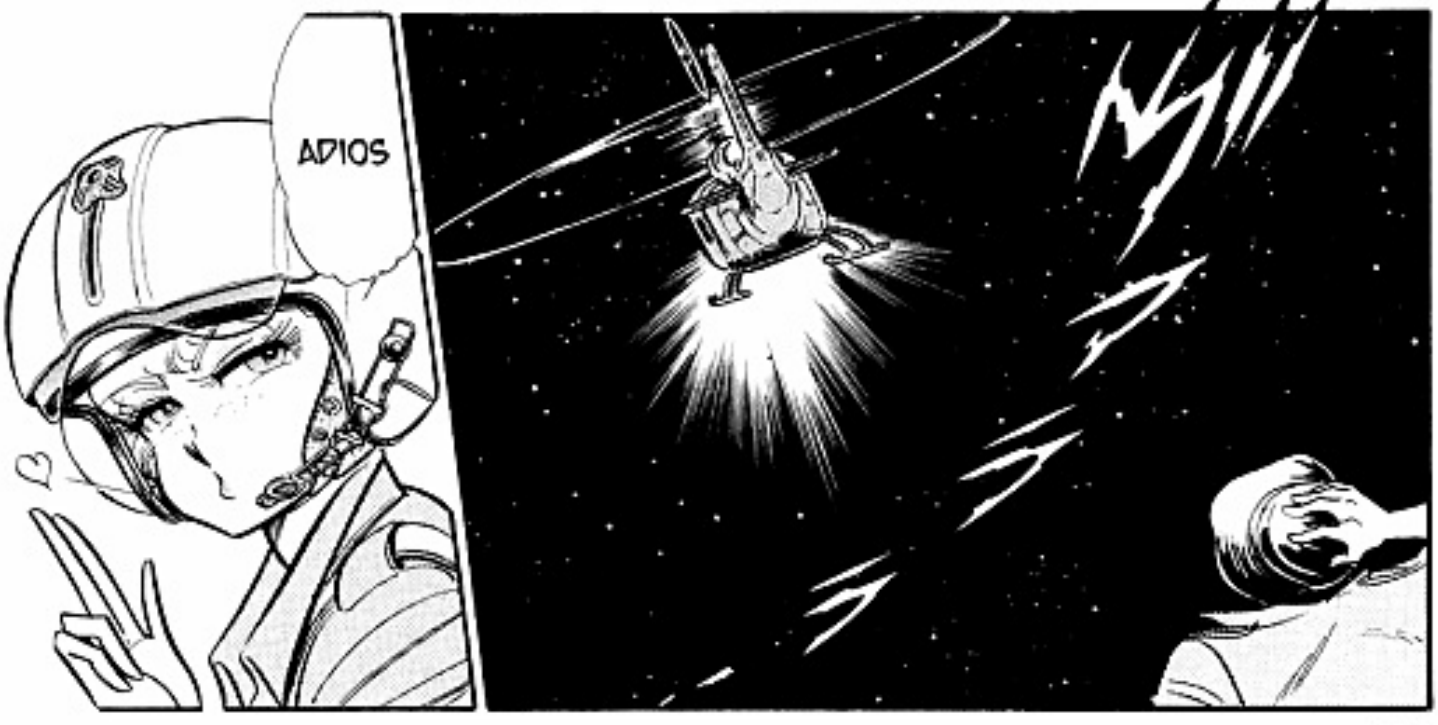

AH!! A CHOPPER!!
HERE YA GO.

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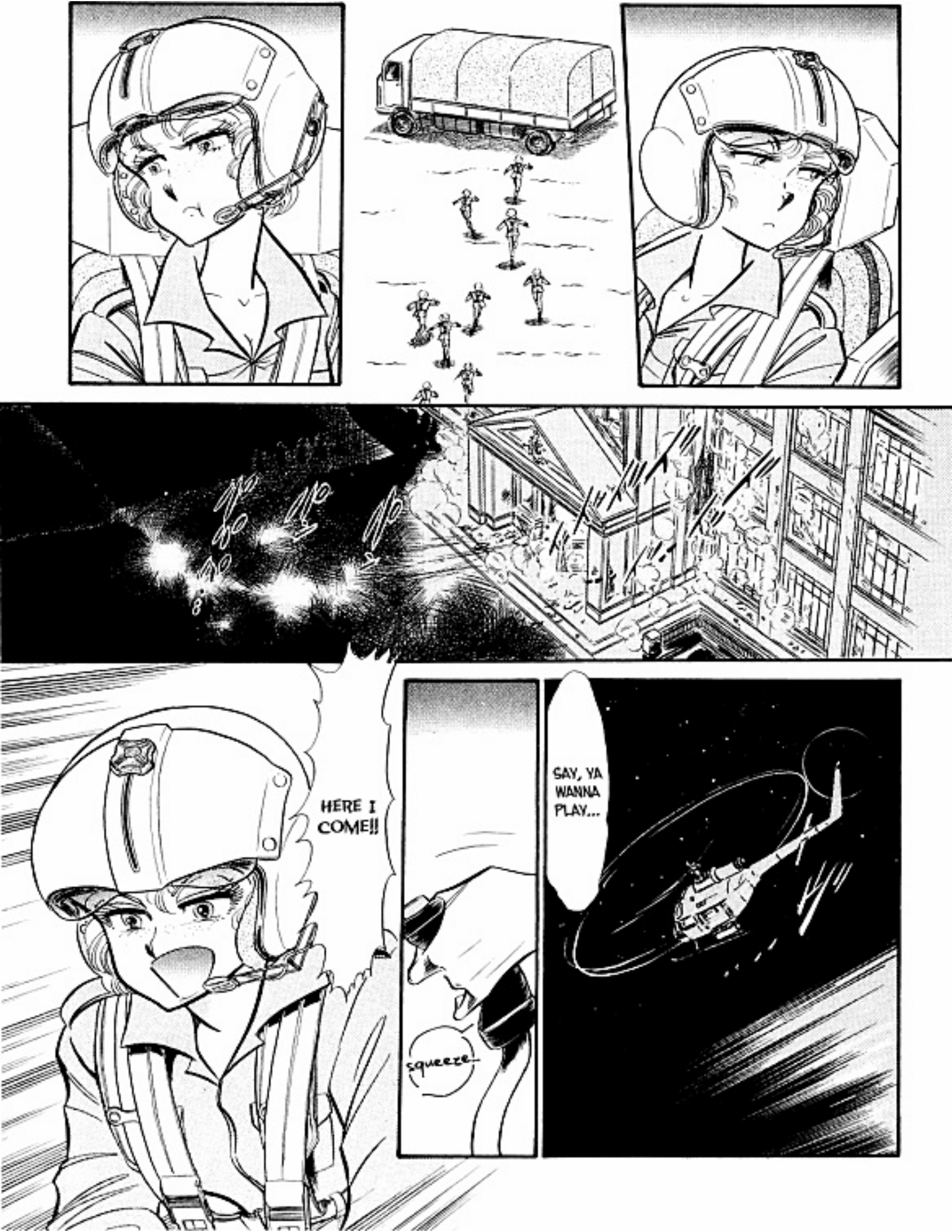
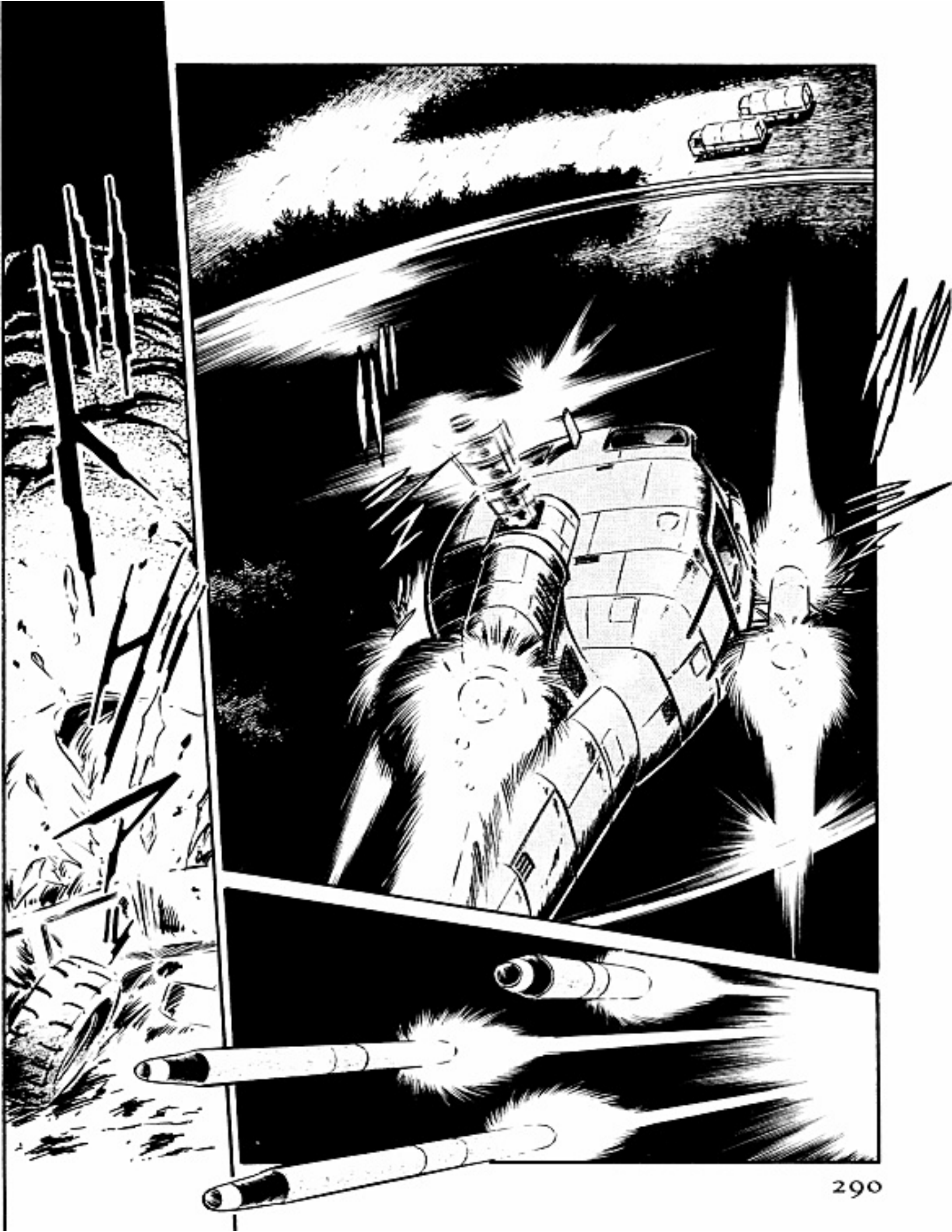

HERE I COME!!
squeeze
SAY, YA WANNA PLAY...



QUIT SHOWING OFF!!
GET TO THE FRONT DOOR AT ONCE!!
AHAHAHA!! CHECK IT OUT, ASSHOLES!!
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FUEL
THE FUEL GAGE IS BUSTED...!!
NO... WAY
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AH...
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IRENE!!
COULDN'T THEY AT LEAST PUT SOME GAS IN...
WHAT... CRAP ...
AND... THEY'RE CHEAP...

DON'T HOLD IT AGAINST ME...
YOU SCREW-UP!
TSK!!
THEY'RE COM-ING IN SWARMS.

IN-
STRUCTOR
GRADE.
YOU'VE
GOTTEN
BETTER
HELGA..

MY TRAINING'S QUITE DISTINCT FROM A GUY LETTING HIMSELF GO SOFT AS A DRUG LORD'S STOOGE!
YOU'RE ONE TO TALK...
KU KU KU
R.W. LOVELESS
WON'T THEY LEAVE YOU BEHIND?
IF YOU DON'T GET GOING
A REAL FIGHT'S NOTHING LIKE A TEXTBOOK!
IT WON'T WORK.
TRYING TO DISTRACT ME DURING A ROUND OF CQC...?

HE'S REVERSED THE BLADE... NOW HE'S SERIOUS!!
YOU'VE GROWN INTO RATHER STRONG AMAZONS...
THAT'S TEXTBOOK KNIFE FIGHTING.
YOU SHIFT YOUR BODY TOWARDS YOUR OPPONENT'S ATTACK RIGHT...
IN THE CASE OF A RIGHT-HANDED ATTACK
BUT NOW WHAT?

I CAN'T EVADE TO THE LEFT!!!
IT'S GOING TO BE NINETY-SIX OUT OF NINETY-SEVEN...
HELGA...
BUT... THIS IS THE END!!
THERE WON'T BE A NINETY-EIGHTH!!

WELL... PLAYED
HMPH...
UH... URK
UNDOUBTEDLY I ALSO TAUGHT YOU A PATH TO ESCAPE.
THE KNIFE FIGHTING MANUAL SAYS WHEN YOU'VE CROSSED BLADES, WHAT MATTERS NEXT IS STRENGTH...

TOO EASY
GUAH
!!

.....
THAT'S THE HANDICAP A FEMALE KNIFE-FIGHTER MUST FACE.
IF A BLADE ENTERS THERE IT IS ONLY EIGHT CENTIMETERS TO THE HEART.
SIX RIBS FROM THE TOP...IS THE LOWER SIDE OF THE LEFT MAMMARY GLAND.
I'M DEAD...
DON'T YOU WORRY.
I'LL MAKE SURE YOU DON'T FEEL A THING.
HUH!!
IF YOU THRUST VERTICALLY DOWN BETWEEN THE NECK AND THE LEFT COLLARBONE, IT'S TWENTY CENTIMETERS TO THE HEART...
ANOTHER GUARANTEED FATAL MOVE IN A KNIFE FIGHT.

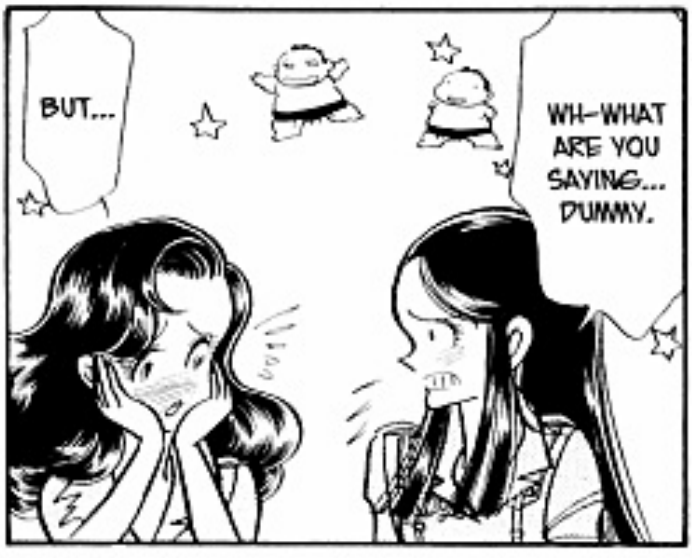
IF YOU MOVE THAT LOVE-LESS... SO MUCH AS A SINGLE MILLI-METER...
I WON'T BE ANSWERING FOR YOUR LIFE...
MARIE
... DAMN
THANK YOU SO MUCH, IN-STRUC-TOR.
IDIOT!!
HOW MANY TIMES HAVE I TOLD YOU NOT TO REMOVE YOUR KNIFE UNTIL IT'S OVER...
!
I ALSO HAVE A GUN.
Ah... That's... hardly fair...

I LEFT THEM IN MAMA'S CARE!
THE CHIL-DREN?
THANK YOU.
YOU SAVED ME!!
HAND OVER THAT GUN RIGHT NOW!!
QUIT ACTING TOO BIG FOR YOUR BRITCHES!!
YOU'VE BEEN UNRULY SINCE YOU WERE LITTLE!
USE YOUR ENEMY'S WEAPONS AND ATTACK FROM WITHIN.
IF YOU HAVE TO ATTACK A HEAVILY ARMED FORTIFI-CATION, ENTER UNARMED.
IT'S A TECHNIQUE I LEARNED FROM YOU...
AN "INSIDE JOB," HUH. HEHEHE... SHEESH.

USING A TROJAN HORSE IS THE OLDEST TACTIC IN THE BOOK.
ALSO CALLED... A TROY OPERATION...

WHILE IN THE PROCESS OF DESTROYING THE CENTER, TARGET THE EXIT AND BREAK THROUGH.

I HEARD YOU SHOWED YOURSELF BUCK NAKED AT THE ENTRY GATE.
SO YOU TURNED YOURSELVES INTO THE TROJAN HORSE.
KU KU KU...


BUT...
WH-WHAT ARE YOU SAYING... DUMMY.

I WAS... WAS WEARING PETTICOATS...
TH-THAT WAS DELA...SHE M-MIGHT HAVE GONE TOO FAR...

INSTRUC-
TOR
DO YOU MIND IF I TAKE THIS LOVELESS?
MARIE
HURRY
MARIE
ARE YOU STILL PURSU-ING... THAT GUY?
I'LL TREA-SURE IT.
IT WOULD BE MY HONOR TO PRESENT IT TO YOU.
SURE, TAKE IT.
IT PERFORMS WELL.
...YES...

A ROSE WITH A SCORE TO SETTLE
IS A BITTER RED.
IT IS... MY DESTINY.
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JES-SICA!!
YOU'RE LATE!!
WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN!?

WHAT ABOUT THE CHOP-PER!?
I HAD ALREADY SABOTAGED ALL THE OTHERS SO THEY WOULDN'T FLY.
NO... I'M FINE.
ARE YOU HURT?
THE FUEL GAUGE WAS BUSTED.
KEEP QUIET.
DESTROYED. IRENE FLEW IT WITHOUT CHECKING HER FUEL GAUGE.
SHADDAP, DELA, YOU JERK.
THIS IS NO TIME FOR SYMPATHY
THERE'S NOT EVEN A SINGLE ONE LEFT TO TAKE US HOME!
AND SO
SHE'S BROKEN THREE OR FOUR RIBS.
OW...

THEN... OUR ONLY CHOICE IS TO BREAK THROUGH THE FRONT IN THIS ARMORED CAR...
HUH...

YIKES!!
THEY'VE GOT TANKS!!
THERE WEREN'T ANY IN THE GARAGE!!
THEY MUST STORE THEM SOME-WHERE ELSE.
DELA! JUST GET US OUT OF HERE!!
RO-GER!!
WE'RE AN EASY MARK STANDING STILL.

TSK. DO YOU THINK SMALL ARMS CAN TAKE OUT AN ARMORED CAR?
DRIVE A LITTLE LESS RECK-LESSLY!! DELA!!
SORRY
WAHHHH!!

!!
THERE'S A TANK SECURING THE MAIN GATE...THE SURROUNDING FOREST IS FILLED WITH LAND MINDS.
DELA!!
THERE'S A ROAD TO THE RIGHT THAT LEADS TO THE RIVER.
I GET IT... THIS IS AN AMPHIBIOUS VEHICLE. WE CAN CROSS THE RIVER.
EXACTLY.
EH?
WHY... DIDN'T YOU KILL HIM INSTANTLY?

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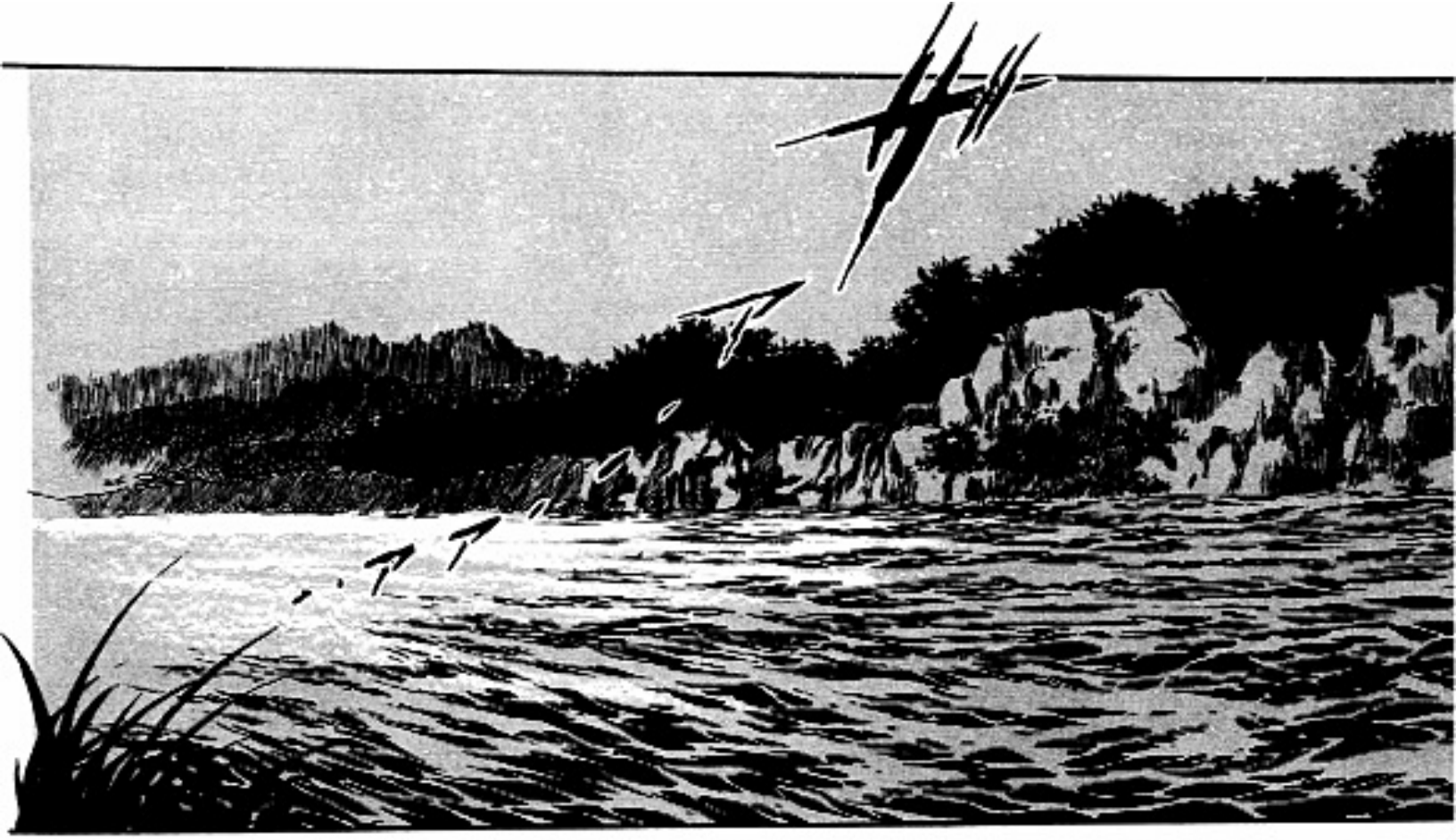
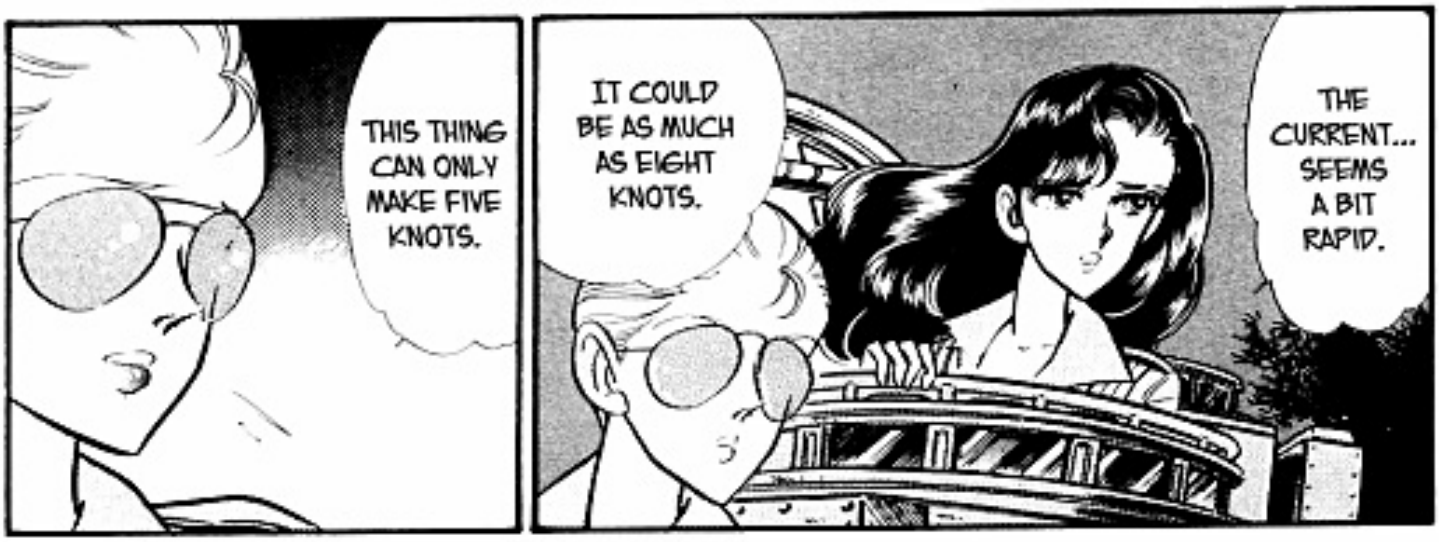
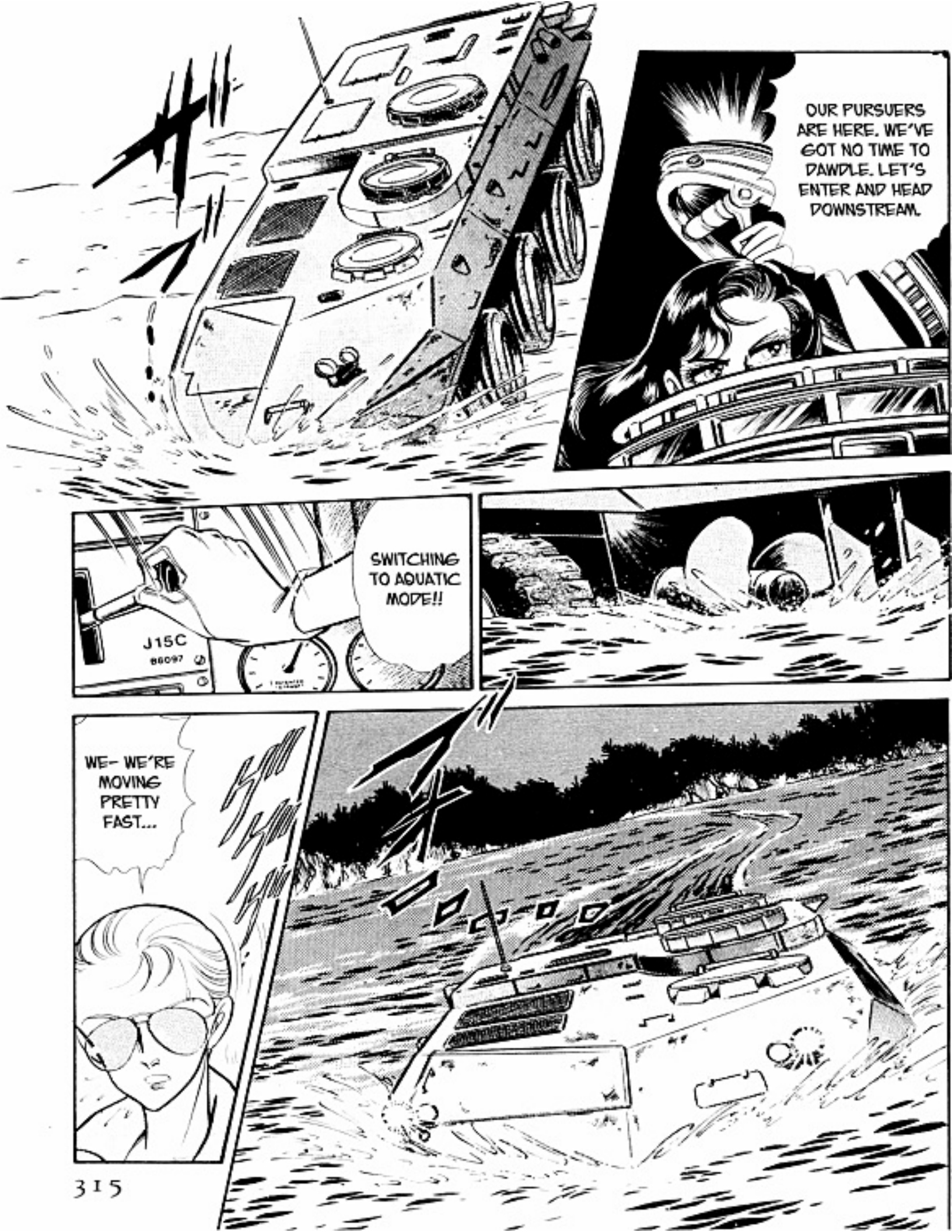
IT'S TRUE SMIRNOV WAS OUR INSTRUCTOR IN THE MERCENARY TRAINING YARD...BUT
HE WASN'T THE ONE THAT KILLED EITHER THE MOTHER OR THE DAUGHTER...
HE'S NO LONGER OUR INSTRUC-TOR...NOR ANYTHING ELSE.
HE'S THE ONE THAT HACKED THE COMMISSIONER'S DAUGHTER TO PIECES.
HE...
HE NEVER COULD HAVE BUTCHERED THEM SO.
THAT MAN...WAS KIND TO US.
DO YOU SEE ANYWHERE WE CAN CROSS?
WE'RE AT THE RIVER!




THIS THING CAN ONLY MAKE FIVE KNOTS.
IT COULD BE AS MUCH AS EIGHT KNOTS.
THE CURRENT... SEEMS A BIT RAPID.


OUR PURSUERS ARE HERE. WE'VE GOT NO TIME TO DAWDLE. LET'S ENTER AND HEAD DOWNSTREAM.
SWITCHING TO AQUATIC MODE!!
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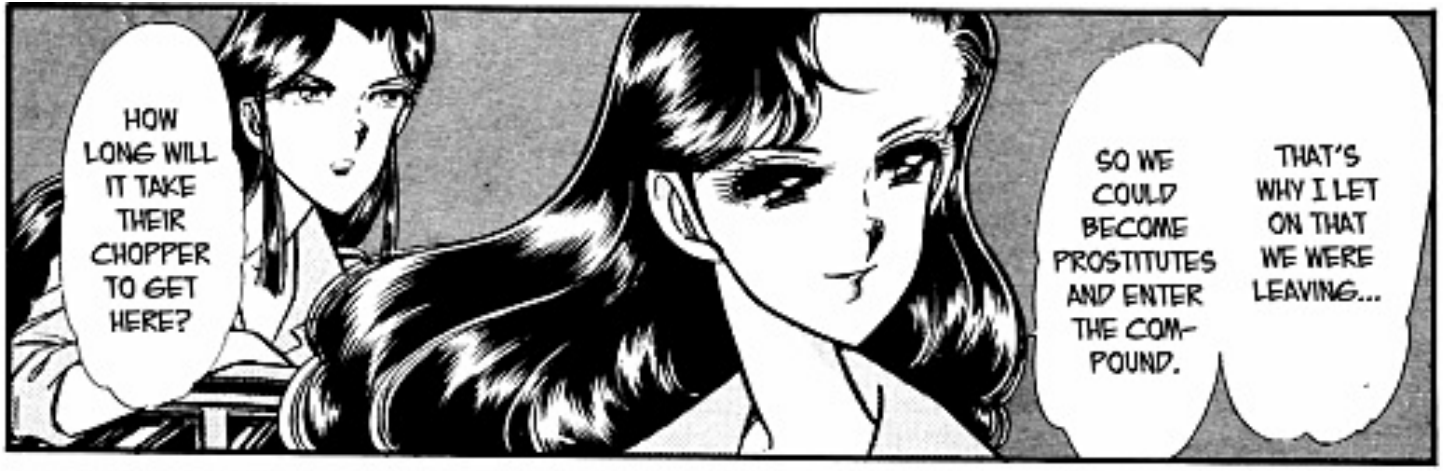
WE- WE'RE MOVING PRETTY FAST...

KYAHH
BUT...IT'S OKAY... IT'S NIGHTTIME... THEY WON'T BE ABLE TO HIT US AT THIS SPEED.
THEY JUST DON'T KNOW WHEN TO QUIT.
THERE'RE JUST TOO MANY SPIES IN THE ARMY AND THE POLICE. THAT WOULDN'T FLY IN THIS COUNTRY.
IT WOULD HAVE BEEN SO MUCH EASIER IF LIN AND THE OTHERS COULD HAVE USED AN ARMY CHOPPER FROM THE START...
TELL THEM TO MEET US...
LET LIN AND THE OTHERS KNOW WE'VE ESCAPED!!


HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE THEIR CHOPPER TO GET HERE?
THAT'S WHY I LET ON THAT WE WERE LEAVING...
SO WE COULD BECOME PROSTITUTES AND ENTER THE COM-POUND.

IT'S CRAZY TO HAVE TO GO ALL THE WAY OVER TO THE NEIGHBORING COUNTRY TO RENT A CHOPPER.
THIS RIVER RUNS CLOSE TO THE COLOMBIA NATIONAL BORDER.
COMING FROM NEIGHBORING RIBA...TAKES ABOUT THIRTY MINUTES.

MARIE!! L-LOOK!!
DELA!! WE'RE GOING A BIT TOO FAST. PUT US IN REVERSE AND HEAD FOR THE BANK.

!!!
TH-THE RIVER... VANISH-ES!!

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A WATER-FALL!!
IT'S A WATER-FALL!!
FULL RE-VERSE !!

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THERE'S A TWO-HUNDRED METER WATERFALL AHEAD!!
DELA!!
FULL RE-VERSE !!
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I GUESS THIS IS ALL SHE WROTE...
THE THROTTLE'S AT MAXIMUM!! THE CURRENT IS TOO STRONG. I CAN'T CHANGE COURSE!!
DELA!!
MARIE
QUIT TALKING STUPID!

I- I JUST CAN'T STAND TO DIE IN A PLACE LIKE THIS...!!
!!
A ROCK!?
THROTTLE THE RIGHT MOTOR FULL-SPEED AHEAD!!
NOW!!
DELA!!
KILL THE LEFT MOTOR!!

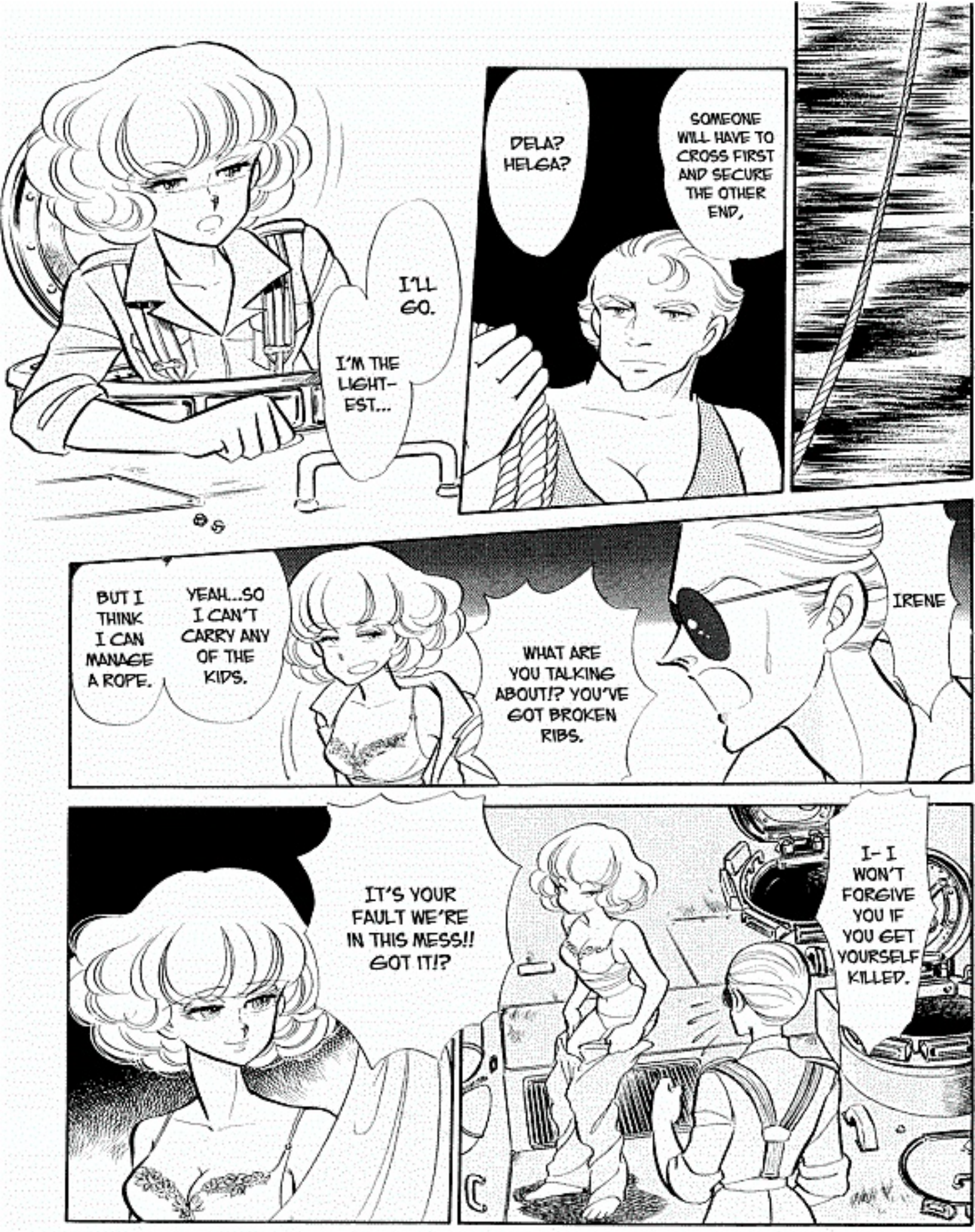
GRAB THE KIDS AND HOLD ON TO SOMETHING!!

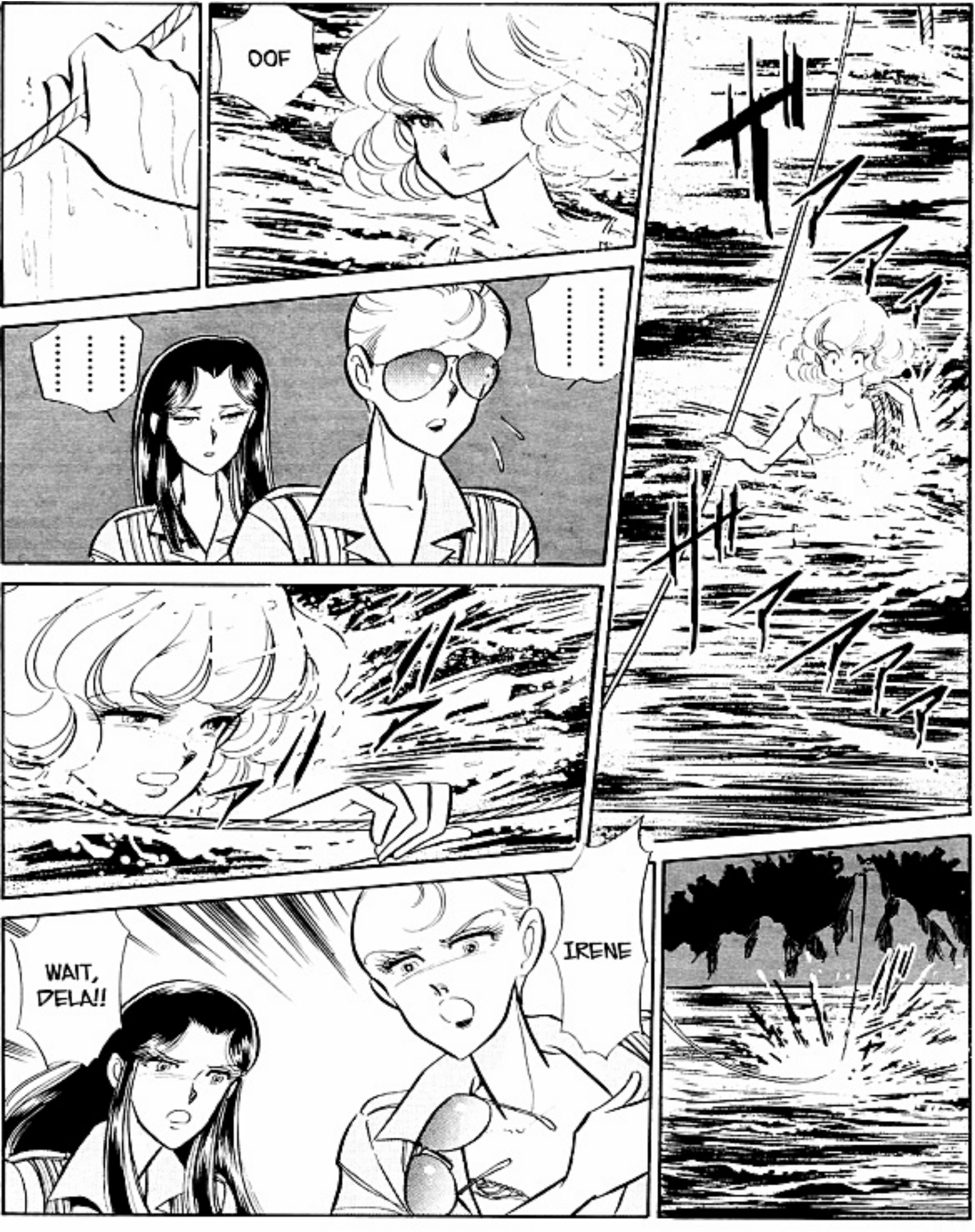
KYAHH!!

...WE'VE STOPPED... HOW...?
I SAW A BOULDER DIRECTLY IN FRONT OF US. IN A LAST DITCH EFFORT... I AIMED FOR IT.
HURRY!!
WE NEED TO ESCAPE AT ONCE!!

!!
KY AH H!!
SHOOT FOR THE FAR SHORE.
REMOVE THE FUSE FROM THE ROCKET LAUNCHER AND ATTACH A ROPE!!
JES- SICA!!
ROGER
THE FAR SHORE IS SEVENTY- FIVE METERS.
DON'T EXPECT TOO MUCH.
THERE'S NO WAY TO CONFIRM HOW BIG THIS BOULDER IS...
WE'VE GOT NO TIME TO DAWDLE.
JES- SICA!!

I DON'T KNOW.
DID IT CATCH?
HELGA
JUST IN CASE, I'M PREPARING ANOTHER SHOT.
I'M LOADING THE CHARGE NOW.
OK!!
ATTA-GIRL!


I'LL GO.
I'M THE LIGHT-EST...
DELA? HELGA?
SOMEONE WILL HAVE TO CROSS FIRST AND SECURE THE OTHER END,
BUT I THINK I CAN MANAGE A ROPE.
YEAH...SO I CAN'T CARRY ANY OF THE KIDS.
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT!? YOU'VE GOT BROKEN RIBS.
IRENE
IT'S YOUR FAULT WE'RE IN THIS MESS!! GOT IT!?
I- I WON'T FORGIVE YOU IF YOU GET YOURSELF KILLED.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IRENE
WAIT, DELA!!

HEH HEH HEH...IT'S A GOOD CHANCE TO WASH MY FACE.
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Goddam...
I'LL KILL HER MYSELF...
TH-THAT GIRL!
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THIS COULD GET DANGEROUS FOR REAL... HUH
IF I DON'T HURRY

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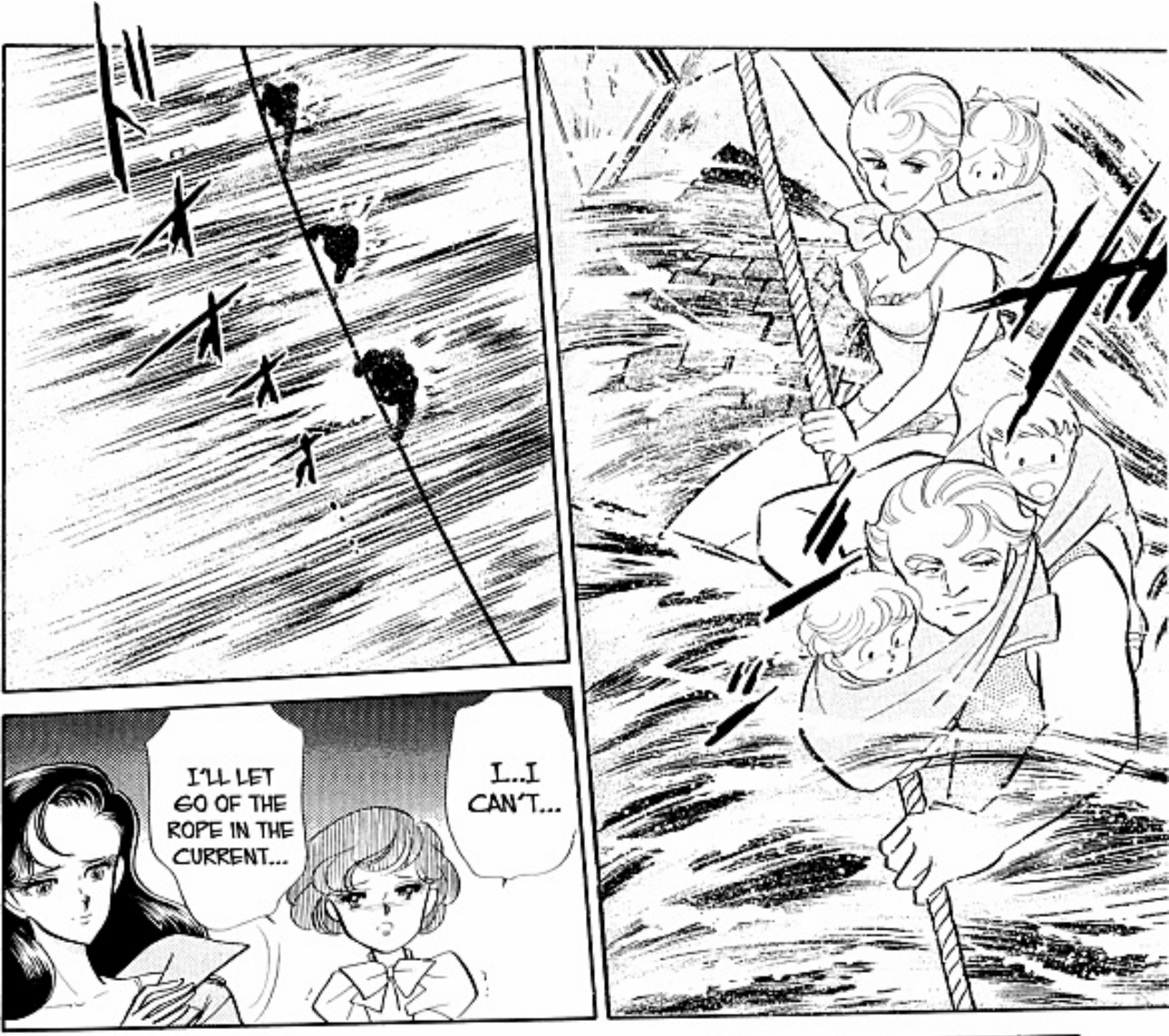
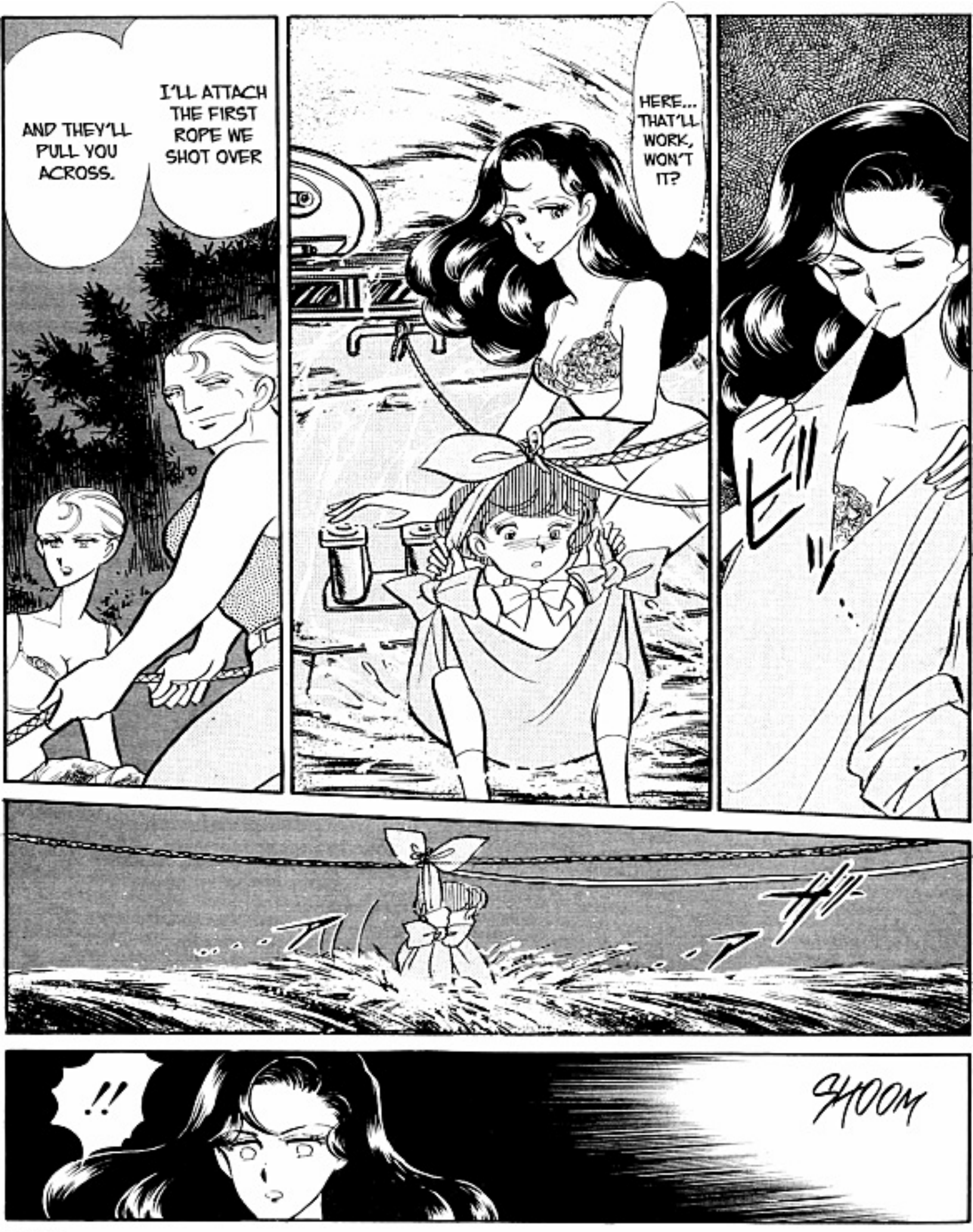
HANG IN THERE, IRENE!!
HURRY!!
IRENE, HURRY!!
stagger
stagger

Like the finale of a concert
Flick flick
WELL DONE!!
OK!!
HERE WE GO!!

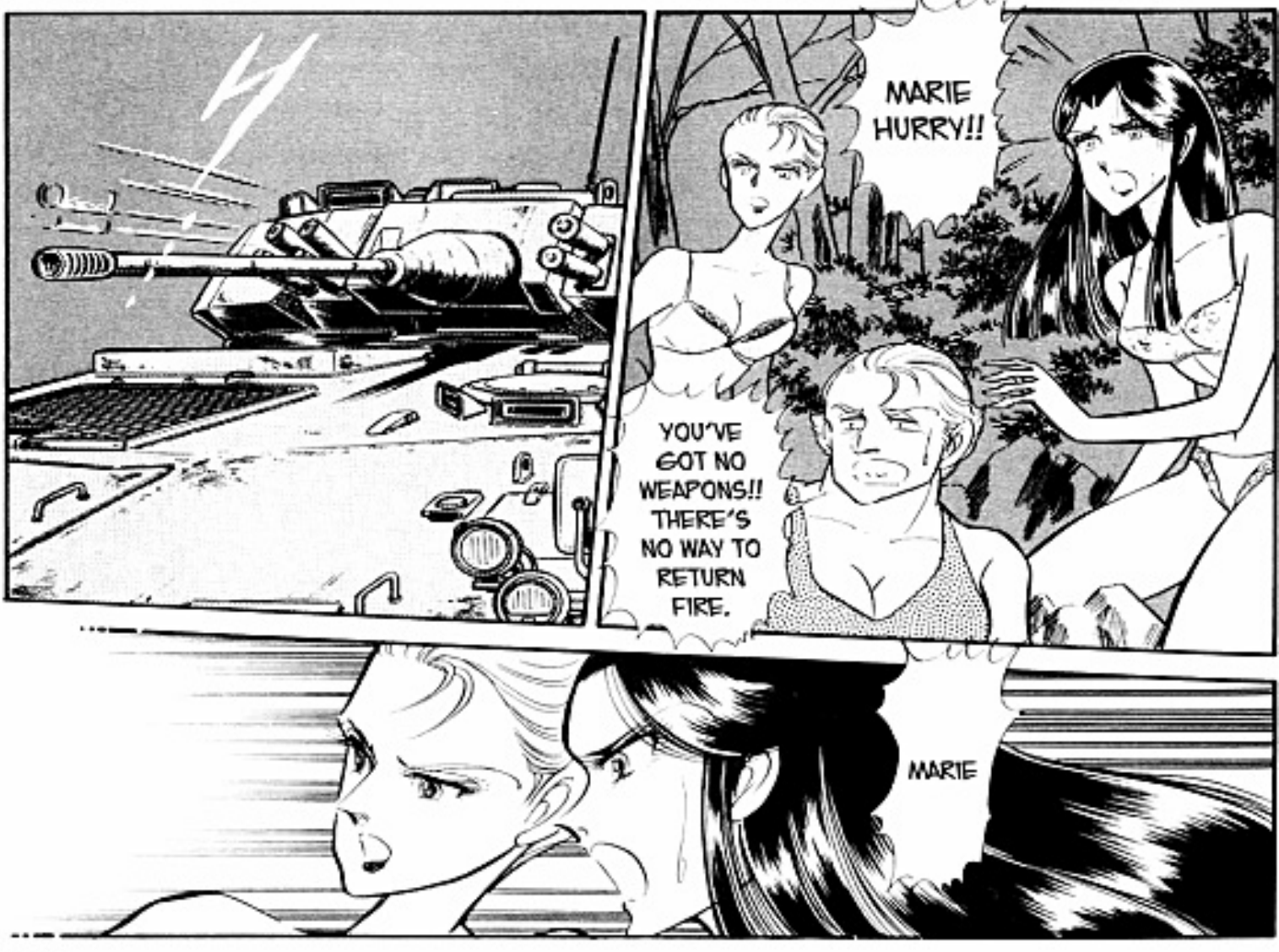


I'LL LET GO OF THE ROPE IN THE CURRENT...
I..I CAN'T...
EH?
IT'S OKAY. DON'T WORRY.


I'LL ATTACH THE FIRST ROPE WE SHOT OVER
AND THEY'LL PULL YOU ACROSS.
HERE... THAT'LL WORK, WON'T IT?
!!
SHOOM

AH!!

THEY JUST DON'T KNOW WHEN TO STOP.
THEY CAME TO SEE IF WE HAD GONE OVER THE CATARACT...


MARIE HURRY!!
YOU'VE GOT NO WEAPONS!! THERE'S NO WAY TO RETURN FIRE.
MARIE

IT'S A SHAME TO KILL HER. SHE'S A HOTTIE.

COM-
MANDER!!

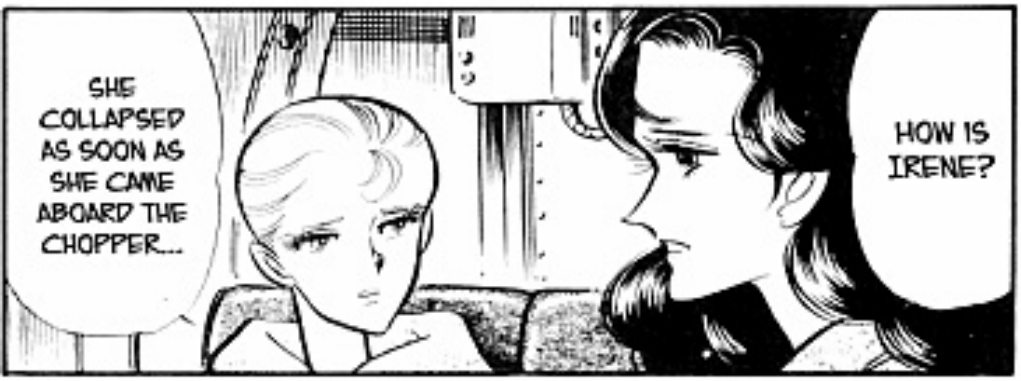
THANK GOOD-NESS!! THEY MADE IT!
LIN!!
!!

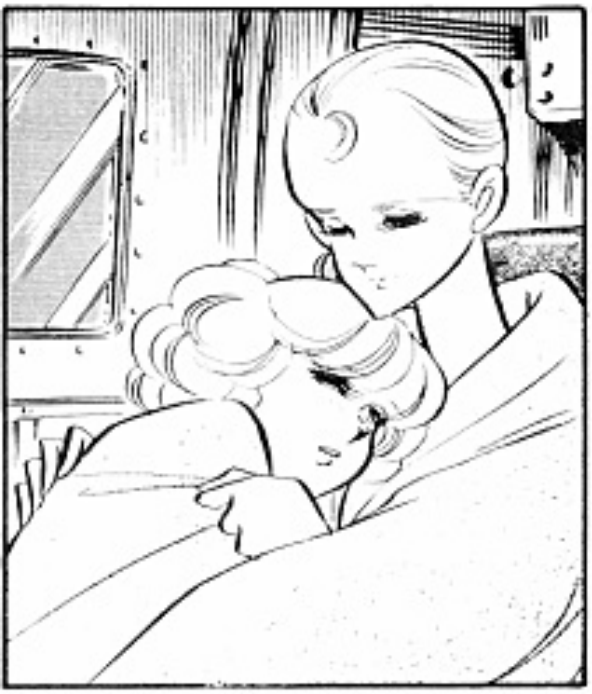
AH
AH
KYA HHH! MARIE EE!!
LIN!! DUCK!

KYAH!!

I'M SURE THEY DEPARTED COLOMBIA ON CHARTER FLIGHTS.
AS SOON AS THEY GOT WORD OF THE ESCAPE,

WE'LL TURN THESE KIDS OVER TO THE RIBA RED CROSS SO THEY CAN GET BACK TO THEIR HOME COUNTRIES.
WHAT ABOUT THEIR PAR-ENTS?

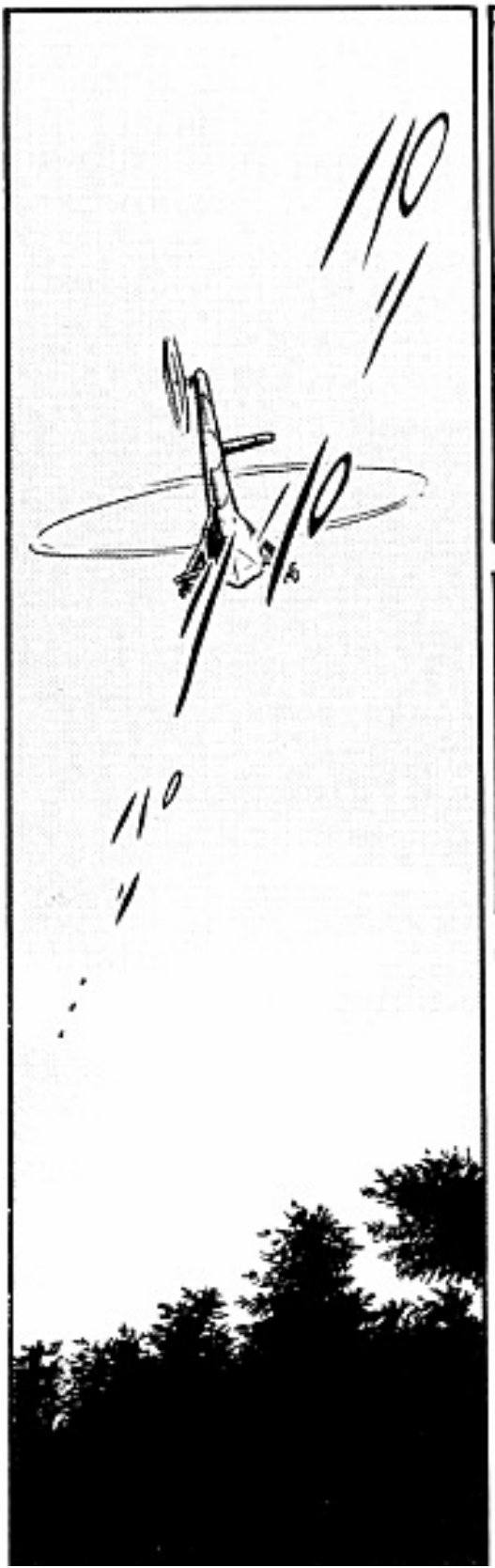

SHE COLLAPSED AS SOON AS SHE CAME ABOARD THE CHOPPER...
HOW IS IRENE?



SHE FELT RESPONSIBLE SO SHE FORCED HERSELF TO BE STRONG...
NOT HER USUAL DEMEANOR.

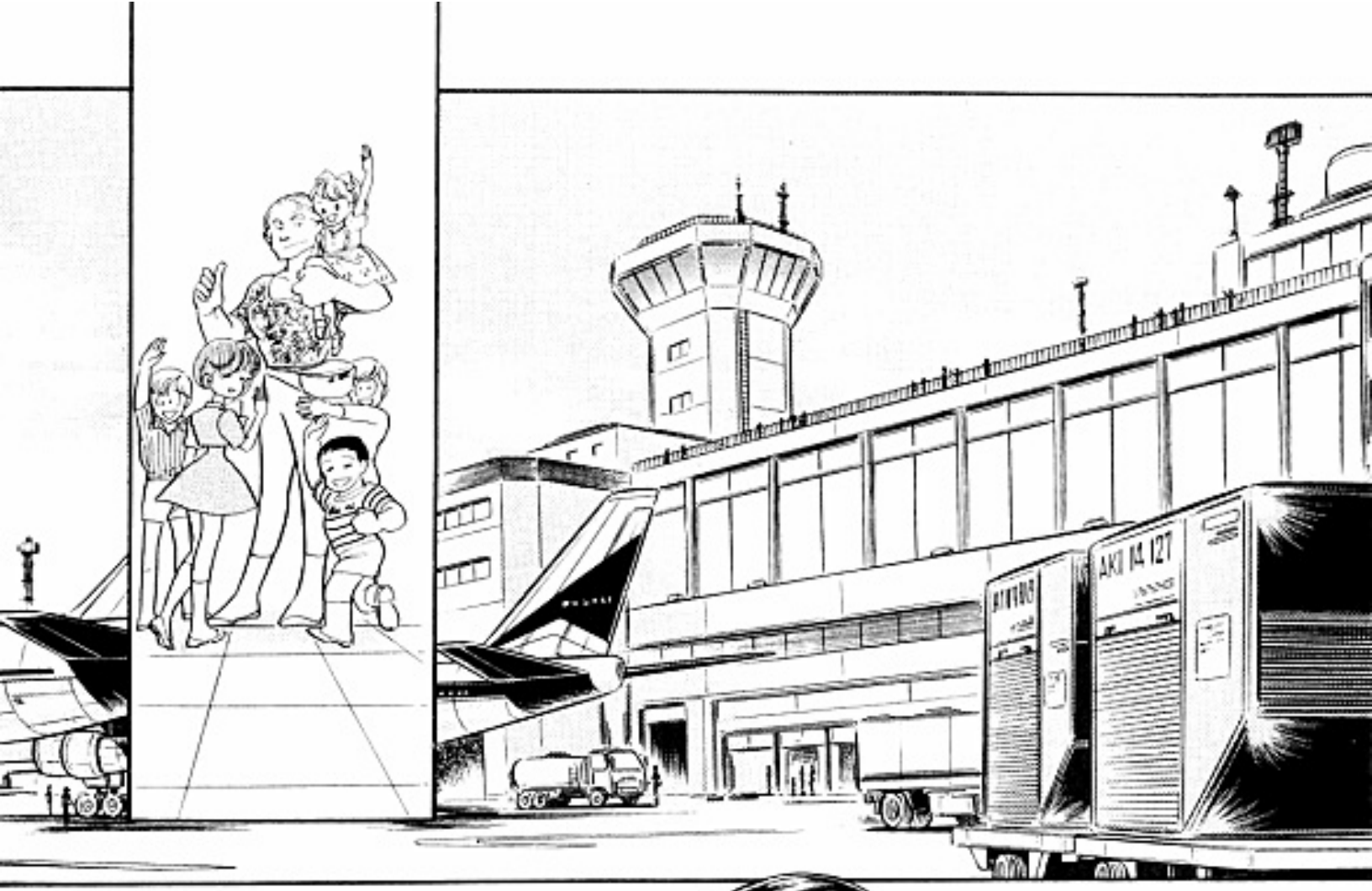
UH-HUH...
I KNOW.

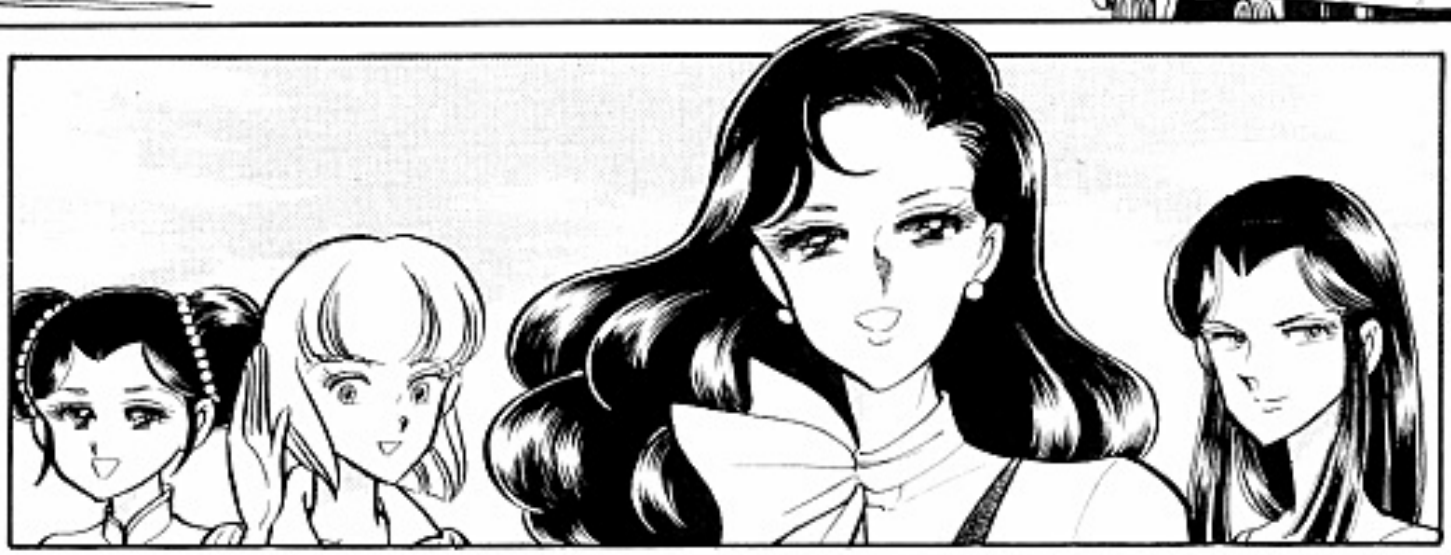
COL-
LEEN
WHAT ABOUT THAT JOB I ASKED YOU TO TAKE CARE OF?
AH... YES
LIN AND I WENT.

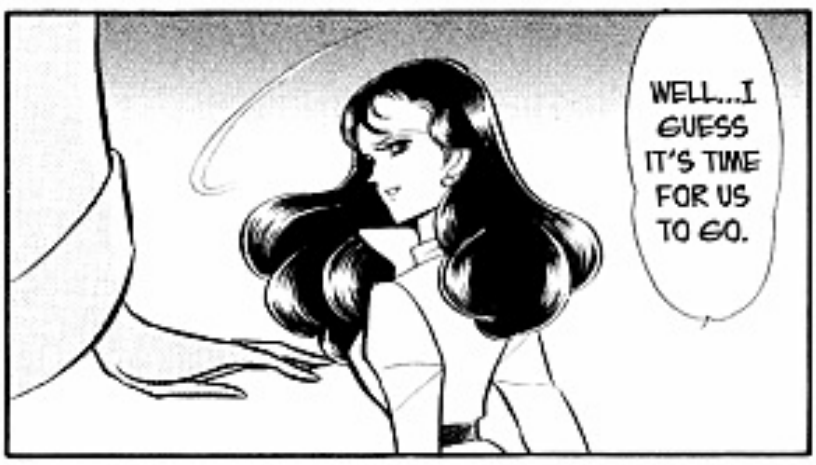


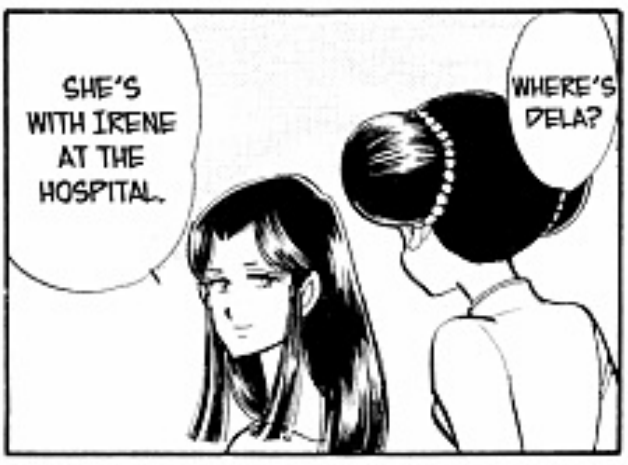
SOMEONE PLANTED EXPLOSIVES ALL AROUND THE PLACE WHERE THEY COLLECT AND REFINE THE COCAINE.
WE SAW IT HAD EXPLODED BEAUTIFULLY AND BURNED ALL AROUND AT LEAST TWO KILOMETERS.

MARIE
I WONDER IF ANOTHER OF OUR GROUPS IS ALSO ATTACKING THE COCAINE MAFIA.






WELL...I GUESS IT'S TIME FOR US TO GO.


SHE'S WITH IRENE AT THE HOSPITAL.
WHERE'S DELA?

OKAY ...SEE YOU AT THE NEXT MIS-SION...
WHAT IS IT, LIN?
...HMM
STRANGE ...
WHENEVER WE FINISH A MISSION, THE COMMANDER ALWAYS CALLS OUT, "THAT'S A WRAP!"
... WHICH MEANS ...
.....
Oo..

JAL
HIS BODYGUARDS ARE FLYING ECONOMY CLASS.
IS HIS GUARD DOWN... OR IS HE JUST CHEAP?
WELL, AS LONG AS A TERRORIST ISN'T ON BOARD, A COMMERCIAL FLIGHT IS PRETTY SAFE.
THERE ARE DOUBLE OR TRIPLE-CHECKS TO PREVENT FORBIDDEN WEAPONS LIKE GUNS, EXPLOSIVES, OR KNIVES FROM COMING ON BOARD.
IF THEY CAN'T HAVE THEIR WEAPONS WITH THEM,
IT ALSO MEANS AN ASSASSIN CAN'T HAVE HIS.
TRUE

MY ORDERS WERE THREE-FOLD.
THE MOST IMPORTANT WAS TO BRING THE CHILDREN SAFELY HOME.
THE SECOND
WAS TO CUT THE FLOW OF COCAINE BY TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT WITHIN THREE MONTHS.
ONE AND TWO ARE DONE. THE SECOND WASN'T OUR WORK, THOUGH...
WHAT ABOUT THE THIRD?
FROM NOW ON... IF THERE IS ANYONE OUT THERE WHOSE METHODS RESEMBLE... HIS, I MUST FIND AN EFFECTIVE MEANS OF STOPPING HIM.
...IN OTHER WORDS...
IF SOMETHING STINKS, YOU HAVE TO CUT IT AT THE SOURCE...

I'M OPERATING UNDER ORDERS FROM THE CHIEFS OF THE FBI, THE CIA, AND THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT... AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.
THE CAT OPERATIONS CENTER ACCEPTED THE MISSION.
SO...IT'S GOVERNMENT ORDERS!?
NEEDLESS TO SAY... UNOFFICIAL.
HADWOSHU MAMBA... THE SECOND MOST POWERFUL MAN IN THE COCAINE MAFIA OF SOUTH AMERICA...
AND HE CONTROLS THE HEROINE ROUTE IN THE MIDDLE EAST.
HE'S THE ONE WHO HACKED THE COMMISSIONER'S WIFE AND DAUGHTER TO PIECES...
!

NOT TO MENTION... HE COULD NEVER DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT.
THE INSTRUCTOR DOESN'T MAKE A MESS WHEN HE USES A KNIFE.
IT WASN'T INSTRUCTOR SMIRNOV?
THAT'S HIS... WEAK POINT.
GIVE ME THAT MAGAZINE, HELGA.
.....
THIRTY MINUTES TILL LANDING... I NEED TO DO IT BEFORE THEY BRING UP THE LIGHTS.

I'LL LET YOU READ IT LATER AT YOUR LEISURE.
I BOUGHT TWO OR THREE OF THESE AT THE AIR-PORT SHOP.
THEY HAVE GOOD PAPER AND THE THICK-NESS IS HANDY.
THE CON-TENTS IS SHIT, THOUGH.
GOOD BOY
AH...
OH...LET ME GET THAT FOR YOU.

HOW DO YOU KNOW MY NAME...
THANK YOU, MR. MAMBA.
HERE
GOO
SKYLINE
SUPER MACHINE
PIRANHA
OH...

MISSION AC-
COMPLISHED!!
-2318HRS-
THAT'S
A WRAP.
OY
MAY 1990
This plane
will soon be
landing at
London's
Heathrow
Airport.
Please
return to
your seats
and fasten
your seat
belts.

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第一巻おわり

兵器のオンパレードが、アクションファンにはうれしい

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コミック『砂の薔薇』を一気に読んでみて第一印象は軍事専門家も納得いく内容だということと、作品の発表が約10年前の１９８９年という点に注目したい。

先ずは後者から考証してみよう。作品のテーマは、対テロリズム（暴力やその脅威を利用した反政府的暴力主義）である。隊長の真理子・ローズバンクは「ＣＡＴ（キャット）」という特殊部隊の女傭兵だ。世界的にみても、傭兵の特殊部隊はあまり例がない。香港返還前のイギリス軍の「グルカ兵」ぐらいだったろうか（一部は返還後、本国に戻り、ユーゴへＫＦＯＲ・コソボ平和維持部隊の一員として派遣されているのを確認している）。それはさておき、本作品が発表された後の出来事はざっと以下の通りだ。１９９１年1月の「湾岸戦争（砂漠の嵐作戦）」勃発に始まり、同年12月の「ソ連邦解体」、１９９３年2月の「ニューヨーク・世界貿易センター爆破テロ事件」、近年では１９９６年6月「サウジアラビア米軍居住区爆破事件」、同年12月の「ケニア・タンザニア、アメリカ大使館爆破事件」に対して、同月アメリ

カ軍がスーダンとアフガニスタンのテロ施設に合計79発のトマホーク巡航ミサイルで報復攻撃。そしてボスニア・ヘルツェゴビナ紛争が泥沼化した結果、１９９９年3月のＮＡＴＯ軍による「ユーゴ空爆」、さらに同年8月には中央アジア・キルギスで日本人技師らが誘拐されている。ソ連邦解体後は冷戦を終了させたが、逆に民族間紛争・内戦が後をたたない。また、アメリカの国務省から発表された危険なテロリスト組織は日本の二つを含み30もあるという。話は変わるが１９９７年8月、フランスでのダイアナ元イギリス皇太子妃の事故死の原因も釈然としない。スパイ陰謀説は未だに消えていないのだ。本作品はこの怒濤の10年間を予言したような印象を持ったのは筆者だけだろうか……。

さて、諸外国で対テロ部隊として代表的なものして、アメリカ陸軍対テロ部隊「デルタ」や各州警察特殊部隊の「ＳＷＡＴ」、１９８０年5月「イラン大使館人質事件」で出動したイギリス陸軍特殊部隊「ＳＡＳ」、１９７７年10月「ルフトハンザ機ハイジャック事件」で出動したドイツ国境警備隊第９対テロ部隊「ＧＳＧ９（Ｇ９）」、ロシア軍特殊任務部隊「スペツナズ」、フランス憲兵機動特殊部隊「ＧＩＧＮ」、スイス人質救出部隊「ＦＬＵＳＩＰＯ」等がある。日本では１９９５年6月に起こった「函館空港全日空ハイジャック事件」で機内に突入、犯人を逮捕して、初めてその姿を我々の前に現せた警視庁機動隊対テロ部隊「ＳＡＴ（特殊急襲部隊）」がある。現在ＳＡＴは全国7都道府県にまたがり東京の警視庁に三つ、大阪府警に二つ、のほか合計10チーム、エリート中のエリート隊員約２００名の規模で

あるという。１９９６年12月の「ペルー日本大使公邸人質事件」ではＳＡＴがドイツのＧＳＧ９に赴き、訓練と講義をも受けていたという。陸上自衛隊でも１９９９年末より、テロを予想した市街戦訓練を開始する予定だ。余談だが、「ペルー日本大使公邸人質事件」で１９９７年４月の突入した「チャビン・デ・ワンタル作戦」では、ペルー軍らしからぬ小火器（ベルギーＦＮ社製Ｐ90アサルトライフル等）を持った特殊部隊兵も映像に映り、『すわ傭兵部隊か』『他国の特殊部隊介入か』などと取り沙汰されていたが、未だにこの部隊の正体は不明のままだ。一説によるとＳＡＳも一部に参加していたとも噂されている。それこそ『砂の薔薇』のＣＡＴの仕業、と言いたいほどだ。

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話を書き出しに戻して、筆者が提言した前者について述べてみたい。なぜに軍事専門家を嘯らすかというと、これは火器・装備のディティールがかなり正確であるということ。一般にコミックというとドラマ部分を重点に置くためか、背景や小道具が簡素化される場合が多い。しかし、本作品は装備の描写が細かいのだ。例に挙げるとＨ＆Ｋ　ＭＰ５Ｋマシンガン、コルトＸＭ１７７Ｅ２、Ｍ16Ａ１アサルトライフル、コルトＭ１９１１Ａ１、ベレッタ93Ｒ、・50口径バレットＭ82Ａ１スナイパーライフル、Ｓ＆Ｗ　Ｍ29マグナム、ＵＺＩマ

シンガン、M72ロケットランチャー、MiL—24「ハインド」ヘリ、C—130輸送機、R・W・ラブレスのナイフ、スイス製ピラーニャ（ピラニア）装甲車、そのピラーニャをアメリカ軍が改良したLAV軽装甲車などである。これらをただ模写するだけではなく、たとえば二つのマガジン（弾倉）をテープで巻いてダブルマガジン仕様にするなど、通な使い方をしているのが気に入る。まだまだ後続編も兵器のオンパレードだし、アクションファンにはうれしい描写である。

さて、本編で隊員たちの制止を振り切り、薔薇のマリーはM16A2アサルトライフルで4キロメートル先のテロリストを狙うシーンがある。実際、アメリカ陸軍はライフル競技の最大有効射程を600ヤード（約549メートル）までとしている。もちろん銃はスペシャルチューン仕上げだが、一切倍率があるスコープは使わずアイアンサイトのみで、コイン大のターゲットを狙う。それだけでも超人並みの腕（視力）の持ち主だ。549メートル離れた所からコインを見てもらえれば分かるはず。銃メーカーも800メートルまでしかサイト調整はなく、旧型のM16A1に至っては有効射程距離は400メートルまでとなっている。片や、50口径バレットM82A1スナイパーライフルの有効射程距離は5000～1800メートル。角度を付けた最大射程距離となればその数倍は理論的に飛翔することであろう。しかし、4キロメートルとは両者共かなり絶望的な条件といえる。しかし、そこはコミック、あくまでもエンターティメントとして楽しめばよく、無理を承知で描く作者には、逆に称賛を与え

たいほどだ。軍事知識を持った上で、極限状態を想定するほど楽しいものはないのだ。

本作品は一般青年誌「アニマルハウス」「ヤングアニマル」に連載されたものだが、マニアの目から見ても納得のいくアクションシーンの連続であり、筆者も手に汗を握ってしまったほど。ぜひアクションファンの友人にも薦めてはいかがであろうか。

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